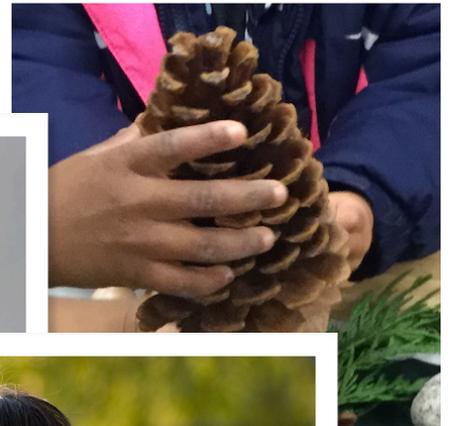


# Family Explore!

## Exploring **STORIES** with children

*Sometimes  
children  
tell stories  
with TOYS.*



*Some stories  
emerge from  
unlikely items  
or interesting  
events*



**Sharing Storytelling**  
with children helps  
them get ready for  
Kindergarten

# Exploring **STORY** With Children

Children find **stories** everywhere. They tell stories with toys. They may give you a detailed account of a dream or an imaginary event (“You flew into the sky...?”). They may even want to tell you again and again (and again) about an event that made an impression on them. This story creation is building skills that will help them in Kindergarten. Share simple stories with your child, add details, think of fantastic amazing possibilities, see what happens!

**Play ... a Storytelling Game.** Start with, “Once upon a time, there was a ... (big, enormous dinosaur).” Then add simple pieces, such as “One day, the big enormous dinosaur decided to .... Then he ....” Alternate turns so that your child adds a piece of the story and then you add a piece.

When you tell stories with your child, you help your child learn to **Collaborate** or coordinate their ideas with you. When children have strong **Collaboration** skills, they can be positive learning partners in Kindergarten.

**Record ... a Photo Story.** Take photos with your phone during special events (trip to the zoo, visit to Grandma’s, a family celebration, etc.). Create a folder for the pictures in your phone’s photo app - see example below. Then “tell” the story with your child while flipping through the photo sequence.

When you talk to and tell stories with your child, you are building your child’s **Communication** skills. Children with good communication skills are more likely to be successful in Kindergarten.

## Going-To-School Phone Story: Bye to the dog. Leave the house. Get in the car. Arrive at School. Time for Fun!

