Create a Story

Age: Preschool-age (3-4 years)

This activity helps your child's development in this domain: Social-Emotional, Language and Literacy

What You Need:

Nothing

What To Do:

1. Create a story with your child.
2. Ask her to think of someone or something; for example, a person she sees often, like her grandpa, or an animal or a flower.
3. Start the story by making up something about the person or item she chose. For example, if she picked “turtle,” you might say, “A little green honu (turtle) lived in the ocean.”
4. Ask your child to add the next line to the story.
5. Continue taking turns adding to the story. Let her take the lead in directing the story. Don’t worry about whether the story makes sense. Have fun with it. If she needs help with ideas, ask a few questions, for example:
   • What was the honu’s name?
   • What does she like to do?
   • Who does she like to play with?
   • What does she see as she swims in the ocean?
6. Write down the story to share again later.