

STORYTELLING- A LOST ART

- Read the _____ of the story.
- Know the _____.
- Story length should be _____ for each year of age.

10 COMMANDMENTS OF STORYTELLING

1. _____
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CAUTION:

- ✓ Watch for signs of listening fatigue.
- ✓ If a child is restless use more energy & expression in your voice.
- ✓ Stopping the story to call a child back to attention is distracting.
- ✓ Avoid asking questions during the story.

GROUP TIME OR PLUG IN TIME- TIPS

- Free the area of any distractions.
- Be sure it's not crowded.
- Semicircle facing the longest wall away from the door.
- Sit in chairs without tables or cross-legged on the floor to be closer.
- Start the opening activity when the first child gets to the large group area.
- Separate children who tend to distract each other.
- Invite talkers to sit near you so you can easily make contact during the story.
- Ask reluctant kids to be helpers and look for ways to involve them.
- Use variety and change up activities to accommodate their attention span.

*Begin the year with a shorter time and lengthen the time as kids are able to focus longer.