

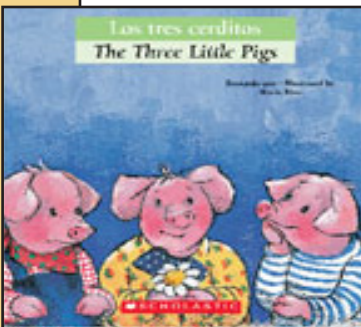
Retelling a Story

A skill children need to know for school is how to retell a story. This shows that they understand what they read. You can practice this with your little ones.

You and your child can:

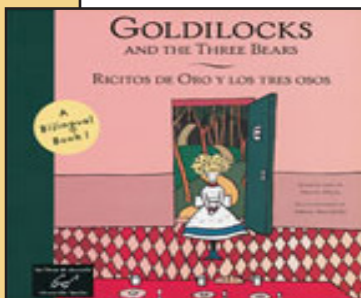
- Act out the story.
- Draw a picture of their favorite part.
- Name the characters.
- Tell what happens next in the story.

The Three Little Pigs



Retold by Luz Orihuela
Illustrated by Maria Ruis
Perfect for 2-4 year olds.
(Bilingual version)

Goldilocks and the Three Bears



Retold by Darice Bailer
Illustrated by Maria Espluga
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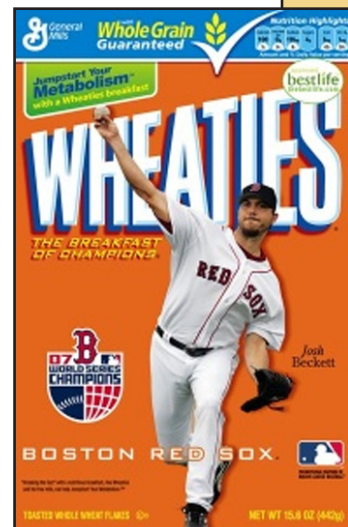
Computer Connections

On this site, children can watch a story being read to them: www.playhousedisney.com.

Tips for Parents: Find Free Materials

Here are a few places for free materials you could use for art projects:

- Cut open empty cereal boxes. The inside is a great place to color.
- Use grocery store or other store newspapers to find pictures of items to talk about. The food ads are a great tool for naming which letter each picture starts with.
- Turn over business flyers- use the plain back to draw, write, or color.



Language Connection Corner

For ages birth - 2 years old:

- Retell a story using finger puppets. You can make these from scraps or draw a face on your finger.
- Point to a page in the book, ask your child to name items on the page.

For 2-3 year olds:

- Open to a page in the book, ask them what happened on that page.
- Have them tell you or draw their favorite part of the story.

For 3-5 year olds:

- Have your child act out the story.
- Have them do a picture walk: turn each page, look at the picture, and retell what they remember about each page.



May calendar to build words and language

Every day—through
the day—every
age—read, sing,
play, talk and rhyme!

From newborn to 6 months, so babies know they are loved

- Smile or coo back at baby smiles and coos
- Talk to babies about what you are doing
- Say and sing nursery rhymes
- Read aloud while cuddling your baby

From 6 months to 12 months, as you interact

- Play peek-a-boo
- Name and point to baby's things
- Say your baby's name
- Let baby mouth board books

From 12-24 months, expand on single words

- Show pleasure when toddlers learn new words
- Give several words to tell about objects and actions ("Kira's bright red cup.")
- Turn a toddler's single word into a full sentence ("cup" to "I'm filling your cup with apple juice.")

May

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 	2 Play outside with your child. Toss or kick a ball.
3	4 Tell a story about when you were young.	5	6 	7 Make a picnic, eat outside.	8	9
10	11 Say the alphabet with your child.	12 	13 Go to a park.	14	15 	16 Have your child name 5 things a bird does.
17	18	19 Point to signs and read them as you drive.	20 	21	22	23
24/31	25 	26 Show your child a letter "R". Find it everywhere you go today.	27	28 Visit the library. Check out a book.	29	30

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