

## Planning for Story Time

For reading while social distancing, consider marking out spaces on the floor with tape. Let's get reading!



### Story time takes planning

- Planning a story time is more than just reading a book, although that is very important. More on that later.
- By alternating reading and activities, you draw the audience in.
- Also think about the length of the book and the story time when planning this.
- A toddler will not sit for a book that is 20 pages long with many words.
- Individualize the books with what sparks the children's interest.

### Plan your theme

Many people plan a story time based around a theme. The theme could be an animal, an activity, or a time of year, for example. The sky is the limit.

Rather than start with the theme, some people start with a good book and then plan the theme around that.

#### **Bilingual story time resources:**

<https://jbrary.com/bilingual-storytime-resources/>

#### **Story time examples:**

<http://www.abbythelibrarian.com/p/storytime-themes.html>



### A good story time includes:

- An opening activity
- A story
- A movement activity
- A follow-up story (or a song for younger kids)
- A song (for older kids to close out story time)



### Bring your theme all over the classroom

- Plan an art activity to follow up on the story time
- Spread props throughout your environment to keep the theme going

<https://ideas.demco.com/blog/4-ways-art-in-storytime-makes-kids-smarter/>

## **THE IMPORTANCE OF READING WITH CHILDREN**

- As you read, children are learning how to hold a book, where the text is, how the print flows from left to right and from top to bottom (if you are following along with your finger), and which way the pages turn.
- As "WH" questions, such as "Why did she eat the apple?" or "Who is he looking for?" Incorporate vocabulary using definitions.



## Resources for Story Time

- ⇒ [Story Time Activities for Infants and Toddlers](#)
- ⇒ [Bilingual Storytime Resources](#)
- ⇒ [A Strategy for Reading Books with Infants and Toddlers](#)
- ⇒ [Abby the Librarian Storytime Examples](#)
- ⇒ [STEAM Storytime Activities for Preschool](#)
- ⇒ [HarperCollins Storytime Resources!](#)
- ⇒ [4 Ways Art in Storytime Makes Kids Smarter](#)
- ⇒ [ABC ALPHABET BOOKS FOR KIDS](#)
- ⇒ [PRESCHOOL BOOKS ABOUT COLORS](#)
- ⇒ [Children's Books for a Global Nation](#)
- ⇒ [Storytime Activities on Color Science!](#)

