

Building

emotional learning and literacy
Classroom Connections

Capital District
Child Care Council Encouraging Literacy Education and Parent Engagement (LEAPE)

Retelling Stories

What you can do...

When children become familiar with a favorite story, they are able to retell it. Exercise this skill of memory and expressive language by reading and re-reading your child's favorite story to them. One way to make the retelling more hands-on and creative is by creating a felt board or magnetic board with characters that attach. This way the child can manipulate the characters, telling and re-telling the story to themselves or aloud as they move the pieces around the board.



**A book
is a gift you
can open again
and again.**

~Garrison Keillor

How does this benefit children...

This enforces the skill of recall and story retelling. Over time children begin to remember more and more details.

Partner in Play:

Change the Activity to fit Your Child

- Your child may want to participate in creating the felt or magnet board. Make an art activity of it! You can also create finger or hand puppets.
- Stock your child's dress-up area with costumes to become the characters of the story i.e. wigs, ears, horns and animal noses can be used to retell many animal stories and songs.
- Place the character cards all over the room, house or playground and have your child run to retrieve the characters as they appear in the story.