

Preschool Language: Make a Story Table



Learning Value:

Reading, retelling, and acting out stories is one of the most important early literacy activities children can engage in. As children retell and act out stories, they internalize the story characters and plot. They gain confidence and increase their use of vocabulary and complex language.

Materials Needed:

- ▶ Dolls, stuffed animals, or animal/people toy figurines
- ▶ A cozy corner or small table
- ▶ A favorite story

Participants:

This activity is intended for adult/child interaction and independent play.

Directions:

- ▶ **Step 1:** Read a favorite story with your child, preferably one that they are very familiar with.
- ▶ **Step 2:** Use the dolls, stuffed animals, etc. that you've gathered to act out the story you just read. It doesn't matter if the toys don't exactly represent the characters in the story. Ask your child to act out the story next.
- ▶ **Step 3:** Set the materials in a special place to make a "story table." Use the toys to act out other favorite stories. Try making simple props with fabric or paper, or add additional materials, depending on the story.

Bright Horizons.

World *at Home*

