

THE IMPORTANCE OF STORY TELLING

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Literature is one of the core elements in learning. Reading selections and other write-ups has been a part of every student's life. As early as pre-school years, it has been a vital part. It was introduced through story telling activities.

In pre-school, we listen to popular fairy tales like Cinderella, Snow White, Sleeping Beauty, Rapunzel, etc. We also listen folk tales (alamat, epiko, kwentong-bayan, etc.) Christian kids grew up listening to Bible stories.

In Kinder, we listened to Adarna books. Nowadays, we read and re-tell the stories from renowned children's book authors like Mr. Genaro R. GoJo-Cruz, Mr. Rhandee Garlitos, Dr. Luis P. Gatmaitan, Mr. Segundo Matias, Mr. Ompong Remigio, among others. We also watched story telling sessions from children shows like Batibot. One of the popular TV story tellers is Mr. Bodjie "Kuya Bodjie" Pascua.

This proves that storytelling telling is indeed important in learning. As early as kinder, story telling teaches us the importance of listening. By listening to stories, it increases the attention span of children. It teaches children to be attentive. Storytelling also inculcates moral values. Positive traits are implicitly implied in children's stories.

Story telling also stirs up imagination of children. The learners' imagination is developed in every story that they are listening. As people say, we travel with our minds, through pages of the book. We travel and explore to the unknown world, through books. Story telling also develops children's concentration. They pay attention as they listen to the stories.

Story telling is also beneficial to Kinder because it enhances children's literacy skills. They get familiar with the sounds, words and languages. It increases their phonetic skills. They mimic the sounds they hear. They also know the sound of animals and things around them.

Story telling also improves the children's analytical skills. By getting expose to different kinds of stories, they are able to distinguish real and make believe. They can also relate what is happening in the story to what is happening to them in real life.

Story telling is indeed an important part in our learning process. Let's continue integrating this to our lessons.

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