

# STORYTELLING- A LOST ART

- Read the \_\_\_\_\_ of the story.
- Know the \_\_\_\_\_.
- Story length should be \_\_\_\_\_ for each year of age.

## **10 COMMANDMENTS OF STORYTELLING**

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_
7. \_\_\_\_\_
8. \_\_\_\_\_
9. \_\_\_\_\_
10. \_\_\_\_\_

### **CAUTION:**

- ✓ Preschoolers are just beginning to develop social skills- Be patient!
- ✓ Watch for signs of listening fatigue.
- ✓ If a child is restless use more energy & expression in your voice.
- ✓ Stopping the story to call a child back to attention is distracting.
- ✓ Avoid asking questions during the story.

### **GROUP TIME OR PLUG IN TIME- TIPS**

- Free the area of any distractions.
- Be sure its not crowded.
- Semicircle facing the longest wall away from the door.
- Sit in chairs or cross-legged on the floor (preschoolers).
- Start the opening activity when the first child gets there.
- Separate children who tend to distract each other.
- Ask reluctant kids to be helpers.
- Use variety and change up. Remember their attention span.

\*Begin the year with a shorter time and lengthen the time as kids are able to focus.