



WHY EVERY TEACHER SHOULD BE A STORYTELLER FIRST!

ABSTRACT

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INTRODUCTION

As a teacher, you know that storytelling is a powerful tool for children. It helps them develop imagination and empathy and builds language and critical thinking skills. But did you know how? Let's see how – here are the 10 ways to do it.



1. STORYTELLING IS PROVEN TO BUILD A CHILD'S IMAGINATION.

Storytelling is proven to build a child's imagination.

It's no surprise that children become more creative and better at problem-solving when they are exposed to stories.



2. STORIES OFFER THEM NEW PERSPECTIVES THAT HELP IN PROBLEM-SOLVING.

One of the best ways to teach children how to solve problems is through storytelling. So, if you are a teacher looking for new ways to teach your students problem-solving skills, storytelling is an excellent choice!

Why? The simple answer is that it allows them to use their problem-solving skills and apply them in real-life situations. It also helps them understand how others see the world around them. So by teaching your students through stories, you help them better understand important concepts such as empathy (including self-empathy) and compassion – all good things!

3. STORYTELLING ALLOWS THEM TO USE UNLEASH THEIR CREATIVITY.

When you are a storyteller, your students will be able to unleash their creativity. Why? Because they're actually part of the story! They are writing the ending and creating their own character. They get to choose what happens next and create a story that may not exist anywhere else but in their minds.

It allows them to think creatively and get into the storytelling mindset, encouraging them to develop new ideas and solutions. This kind of thinking is crucial for every student, regardless of age or grade level, because

it allows them to solve problems outside of school and
inside it!



4. STORYTELLING HELPS CHILDREN DEVELOP LANGUAGE SKILLS.

Storytelling is an excellent way to help children develop language skills.

Storytelling helps children develop vocabulary. When you tell stories about the things you see, feel and experience, it encourages your listeners to become more aware of the world around them. A child who hears a story about going on an airplane may ask questions like: "what do airplanes look like" or "how do they fly?" This will cause them to think deeply about what they've heard, which can lead to an increase in their knowledge base and begin stimulating language development.

Storytelling helps children develop comprehension skills by engaging with the material presented through listening and discussion (think back on how much time was spent talking over movies as kids). Telling stories gives kids time to reflect on what was said and allows them time to process information before moving onto something else - this also helps build critical thinking skills!



5. BY RELATING TO THE CHARACTERS IN THE STORY, STORYTELLING PROVIDES THE EMOTIONAL ANCHOR.

One of the most critical elements of storytelling is that it allows children to relate to the characters in the story. The child can develop empathy for others and learn about how other people experience life.



6. STORYTELLING ALLOWS CHILDREN TO LISTEN AND INTERACT IN A RESPECTFUL AND NON-THREATENING MANNER.

When you teach your students, you are telling a story.

They tell their own stories when they listen and interact with you. In this way, every interaction between teacher and student is an opportunity to tell stories that have meaning for both parties. This gives children the chance to listen respectfully because they understand that the storyteller is not trying to "manage" them; instead, they are helping them develop into well-rounded individuals who can judge themselves without being judged by others.

7. STORIES PROVIDE A FOUNDATION TO HELP CHILDREN INTEGRATE INTO THE COMMUNITY.

Stories provide a foundation to help children integrate into the community.

Stories are a great way to teach children about their culture, heritage, and traditions.



8. STORIES PROVIDE RICH EXPERIENCES AND HELP CHILDREN RELATE TO VARIOUS CULTURES.

Stories help children understand different perspectives and cultural differences in a classroom setting. They are a great way to help children learn to respectfully interact with people from different cultures.

For example, share the story of your trip abroad where you interacted with people from another culture. You can show them how to treat others that may seem different than themselves. This allows students to think about what they would have done in similar situations

and understand why some behaviors might be considered offensive or disrespectful.

Another benefit of using stories is that it allows teachers and parents who work within culturally diverse communities to have conversations about our own biases without having those conversations come across as accusatory or judgmental toward our students' families (or ourselves). We all have biases; however, we often don't even realize they exist until someone points them out or asks us questions like, "Why did you choose this book?"

9. STORYTELLING HELPS THEM LEARN HOW TO NARRATE STORIES AND BECOME STORYTELLERS THEMSELVES.

Storytelling is a powerful tool for teaching and learning. It helps students understand the content, remember it better, and become more confident storytellers.

When you tell stories, your students learn how to narrate and become storytellers themselves



10. ABOVE ALL, STORYTELLING MAKES LEARNING FUN!

When you start to tell stories, you will notice the energy level in the classroom shoots up. The students become more attentive and willing to learn. They look forward to the story being told.

This is because when we relate a story, make an analogy, or use something familiar to them, it becomes easy for them to understand whatever concept or idea is conveyed through those stories.

CONCLUSION

One of the most essential things about storytelling is that it allows children to listen and interact respectfully non-threatening manner. In our increasingly digital world, it's easy for kids to lose their sense of wonder and imagination. But by telling stories – whether they are myths from long ago or tales from today – we can help them reconnect with the magic of childhood. This means developing an appreciation for how stories work and learning how to tell them effectively! So if you want your students to get excited about rereading literature then make sure you start by giving them some good stories. ■

