

Parent Conversations and Activities

FAIRY TALES AND RHYMES

1. Read other versions of a fairy tale to your child such as “The True Story of The Three Little Pigs.” Have your child retell each story. Then have him/her compare the stories.
2. Give your child some Playdough or clay. Have your child make his/her favorite fairy tale character with your help.
3. After reading a favorite rhyme from this unit, have your child change the ending of the rhyme. Then say it together.
4. In most fairy tales things happen in threes. Reread the favorite fairy tale and ask your child to find the threes in the story.
5. Ask your child what is his/her favorite fairy tale. Then have them explain why it is his/her favorite.
6. After reading a book from the Fairy Tale and Rhymes Unit, ask your child to retell his/her favorite story. Prompt your child by saying: what happens in the beginning, what happens next, and what happens in the end?
7. After reading Rumpelstiltskin, talk to your child about his/her name. Does he/she like his/her name? What name would he/she like to have?
8. After reading The Three Bears, what advice would he/she give the bears and Goldilocks? Talk to your child about talking to strangers.
9. Ask your child what he/she has learned from the main character in the story?
10. After reading the story Madeline, talk to your child about the word “dozen”. Ask you child about what kinds of things come in dozens. Have them count a dozen eggs, cookies, or anything else they find around the house.
11. After reading several books from this unit, ask your child which character was his/her favorite and why he/she chose this character.
12. In many fairy tales there is a villain or a bad guy. Ask your child which character he/she did not like and why.

13. Talk about the magic in Fairy Tales. After reading a book from the unit to your child, ask him/her what was magical in this story. Is this real or pretend? How can you tell?
14. Ask your child to retell his/her favorite fairy tale or rhyme. Then have him/her draw a picture of his/her favorite character.
15. Talk to your child about which fairy tale or rhyme was your favorite as a child. Then retell them the story.