

# Storytime Resources and Tips

## Ms. Laura's Storytelling Tips:

1. Use felt, puppets, or stuffed animals
2. Repeat a refrain
3. Incorporate sound effects and instruments, like harmonica, triangle, bell
4. Breathe. Pause. And then get fast when the character is moving quickly!
5. Be loud and quiet. Think of a story like music, with dynamics.

## Ms. Grace's Art Conversation Tips:

1. Visual Thinking Strategies: ask two questions: 1) What is going on in this picture? 2) What do you see that makes you say that?
2. Find Patterns: look for repetition in images or the world around you: shapes, colors, numbers (count up or down). Ask your kids to find objects in some order, like "Blue, Green, Red. Blue (house), Green (tree), Red (car)." Keep going until you can't find any more objects.
3. Play Eye Spy: "Eye Spy with my little eye, something that is \_\_\_\_." Use an empty toilet paper roll as a telescope.
4. Rhyme Time: Name something in the image. Your friend says a word that rhymes with it. Go back and forth.
5. ABC: If you're in a museum or are looking at one busy object, start by naming an object you see that starts with A. Then B. Then C. Until you can't go any further . . .

## Other Links and Resources

[Ann Arbor District Library Virtual Storytime](#) Events Listing: on AADL YouTube channel

[Ypsilanti Public Library Virtual Storytime](#) Events Listing: on YouTube and Instagram

[Jbrary](#): story and fingerplay ideas

[Storyblocks](#): songs and rhymes from around the world, in multiple languages

[Tell Me a Story](#): Extensive list for parents and caregivers + flannel board fun

[Show me a Story](#): 40 Craft Projects and Activities to Spark Children's Storytelling. Emily Neuburger.

[Artsy Toddler Storytimes](#): a Year's Worth of Ready-To-Go Programming

[Stories, Songs, and Stretches!](#): Creating Playful Storytimes With Yoga and Movement

[Wonder Art Workshop](#): Creative Child-led activities. Sally Haughey

## ART

[UMMA Preschool Collection](#): six ready-made image slideshows with prompts and questions

[How to Talk to Kids About Art](#): Artsy website article

[What's Going On In This Picture?](#): NY Times photographs with a reveal