

Storytime Guidelines

- Storytime is a beginning group experience for many preschoolers, and we don't expect everything to go perfectly every time.
- Try to arrive on time, as latecomers often become the focus of attention.
- Please silence your cell phones and enjoy this special time with your child. Parents and caregivers help their children get the most out of storytime by participating in the rhymes and songs!
- If your child is having a bad day and is so disruptive that others can't enjoy the program, I ask that you take your child out of the room until he or she is ready to rejoin us. We do songs and a craft toward the end of storytime, and that is a good time to try joining the group again.
- We know that children are getting something out of this program even if they seem not to be paying attention or participating much. Most children will start joining in after coming to storytime for a few weeks, and learning the songs and rhymes that we do each week!
- Please don't give your child drinks or snacks during storytime. We don't want food and drink on the books, and it is distracting for the other children.
- Please don't chat or visit during storytime. It is tempting to use this time to visit with other adults, but it is disruptive to the whole storytime. **DO** stick around and chat after storytime! Storytime is a great way to meet other adults in the community.

If you have any questions or concerns about storytime, please call me at 641-792-4108.

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