

Montessori Resource: Interactive Storytelling 📖



Objective:

Encourage literacy, comprehension, imagination, and active participation through interactive storytelling.

Materials Needed:

- Tablet, computer, or smart board
- Short, age-appropriate interactive story or animated video
- Paper, crayons, or markers for drawing
- Optional props for acting out stories (hats, scarves, stuffed animals)

Activity Steps:

1. **Select a Story:** Choose a short interactive story or animated tale suitable for preschoolers.



2. **Introduce the Story:** Gather children and briefly discuss the topic or main characters to spark curiosity.
3. **Interactive Viewing:** Play the story on the device. Pause at key moments to ask questions like:
 - “What do you think happens next?”
 - “How do you think the character feels?”
4. **Act It Out:** Invite children to **act out parts of the story** using their bodies, gestures, or classroom props.
5. **Creative Expression:** After the story, ask children to **draw or paint their favorite scene** or character.
6. **Share & Discuss:** Encourage children to **share their artwork** and explain why they chose that part of the story.

Learning Benefits:

- **Literacy Skills:** Builds vocabulary and comprehension
- **Critical Thinking:** Encourages prediction, reasoning, and problem-solving
- **Imagination & Creativity:** Inspires acting, drawing, and storytelling
- **Social Skills:** Promotes collaboration, listening, and sharing ideas

Tips for Success:

- Keep screen time short (5–10 minutes per session) to maintain attention.
- Pair digital storytelling with **hands-on activities** for a true Montessori experience.
- Rotate stories regularly to introduce new themes, cultures, and experiences.

