

Montessori Story Basket Activity



The Story Basket is a hands-on way to bring oral storytelling to life in the Montessori environment. By combining simple objects with spoken words, children engage their senses, imagination, and memory. This activity encourages listening, sequencing, and creativity while honoring the oral tradition of storytelling.

What You'll Need:

- A small basket or tray
- 3–5 objects that represent parts of the story (example: for *Stone Soup*, you might include a small stone, a wooden spoon, a toy pot, and a tiny vegetable figure)
- A short folktale, fable, or family story you can tell aloud (no book required)

Steps for Children:

1. Gather the children in a quiet space.
2. Introduce the objects in the basket one at a time.
3. Tell the story slowly and clearly, showing the objects at the right moments.



4. Invite children to explore the objects after the story.
5. Encourage them to retell the story in their own words, or even create new endings.

Learning Benefits:

- Builds language and vocabulary
- Strengthens memory and sequencing skills
- Encourages imagination and creativity
- Connects children to culture and tradition through oral storytelling
- Promotes confidence in self-expression

✨ *Montessori Tip:* Keep the story simple, no longer than 3–5 minutes. Children can add their own ideas, and that's part of the magic—storytelling is about creativity, not perfection!

