

Most teachers use storytelling to connect with their students. Stories can spark our students' interest, help them remember material, help reduce anxiety by making material accessible, and build rapport between students and teachers. Then we listen to our students' stories. From kindergarten on, our students will share as many stories as we have time to listen to. They tell us stories about what they did the night before. They tell us about their families. They tell us about their favorite TV shows. This story telling builds a sense of community as the students learn about each other. It increases enthusiasm for writing as the students are anxious to share their stories.

In this unit, I will be using technology to inspire students to become better storytellers. Students will create stories using flash writing techniques. They will use a maximum of one hundred words to write stories that have a beginning, middle and an end. They will make sure that the story has one event that will constitute the climax of the story. They will then create backdrops that will become the set for their movie. Finally, they will use Lego figures to make stop motion movies that tell a story.