Welcome to Confratute

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2018
I believe that stories nurture compassion. “It is a pain-in-my heart reaction, an identification with another’s suffering” (Smith, 1986). The stories we tell help students feel other people’s emotions because we describe them and show them as we speak with our voices, faces, and bodies. This helps children learn to see the world from another person’s point of view.
FAMILY STORYTELLING

I believe that telling stories together is one of the best ways to create a feeling of family. These can be old stories that someone told you, or they can be real life stories from your own life.

Gail N. Herman
I care so much for you that I want to give you the most precious gift I have -- my time.” (Smith, 1986)

STORYTELLING IS AN ACT OF DEVOTION. GIVING TIME IS LOVE.
TO BEGIN, TELL YOUR CHILD STORIES ABOUT EVENTS THAT HAPPENED TO YOUR CHILD OR YOU.

- Childhood Experiences
  - A time you or your child got into trouble
  - Before you or your child knew better
  - A time you or your child were scared
  - Your first day of school or your first job
  - An incident with your family’s pet

- Family Experiences
  - Your child’s birth or adoption
  - How you chose his/her name
  - How your child once gave you a scare
  - A major event such as a marriage
  - An accident, an accomplishment.

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PHOTOGRAPHS

Children especially love to hear stories about when they were very little and did silly or funny things. Bring out old pictures of them. Have children tell a story about them.

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One parent found a picture of her son standing in the sink with bubbles up to his elbows. She called it “Bubbles Goba” because Goba was their last name. She told him over and over again about how he sneaked up onto the counter to “wash” the dishes. She ended the story by telling him how everyone just laughed and laughed at his seriousness as he worked on scrubbing the dish. This became one of his favorite stories to tell in class. Cleaning was thought to be a family “trait.”

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STORY SLAMS AND TRUE STORIES

Tales of Mischievous Martha
Martha Fishbein Herman
True tales from an orphanage.
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