



## 5 Secrets of Becoming a Natural Storyteller

Have fun and word-weave with flair!

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CHSA CONFERENCE WORKSHOP  
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### WELCOME!

1. **Let Me Tell You a Story...**  
Entertaining, interactive and performance portion of the program. Relax and enjoy a story from a seasoned teller.
2. **What's in a Story?**  
Brief history and the power of a story.
3. **5 Secrets of Storytelling**  
Innovative ideas and performance tricks to simply tell a great story, and have children receive all the benefits.
4. **The Fun of Folklore**  
Utilizing the diverse heritages of children to promote cultural identity, language and retention in English Language Learners.
5. **Using Story to Create Teachable Moments**  
How to use everyday stories to help children connect personally and express their feelings and fears.
6. **The Science of Storytelling**  
How stories create vital neural pathways in the brain, the foundation for learning.
7. **Everyone is a Storyteller**  
Using your innate personality to become an authentic or dynamic storyteller. Story theater and play program.
8. Q&A

**Children's folklore podcasts at: [Storyhat.org](http://Storyhat.org)**

### NOTES:

## What's in a Story?

- A. Brief history and overview
- B. The challenge and solution to the vocabulary word gap
- C. Why storytelling is a catalyst for literacy
- D. Optimal times for story
- E. Lengthen those attention spans!
- F. Creating fun classroom community



Notes:



# 5 Secrets of Storytelling

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Enjoy a good story? Kids do too!

## FUN FACTS

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"The emotional connection which storytellers make with children seems to help them maintain focus and remember details even after a long period of time has elapsed."  
Princeton Education Profiles, Susan Danoff

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# The Fun of Folklore

A. Free folktale resources

B. Cultural identity and  
self-confidence

C. English Language  
Learners

D. Folktales and legends



## Stories and Teachable Moments

**A.** How to use stories to help children express their feelings and fears

**B.** Emotional development

**C.** Universal themes and sense of belonging

**D.** The power of metaphors in stories to help children navigate the world around them



# The Science of Storytelling

How storytelling creates neural pathways in the brain, the foundation for learning:

- A. Dopamine
- B. Neural coupling
- C. Mirroring
- D. Cortex activity

How stories help symbolic thinking, the foundation for learning the alphabet and reading



# Everyone is a Storyteller

- A. What kind of storyteller are you?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- B. How to connect to your storytelling style and voice
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- C. Let yourself go!
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- D. Being in the moment
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- E. Favorite story as a child? Why?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- F. The GIFT in this digital age
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- G. Q&A

