

Welcome!

Kindergarten, Unit 3

Fairy Tales and Folktales

Dear Family Member,

In this unit, students will be introduced to classic stories that have been the favorites of children for generations.

What's the story?

Students will be introduced to **classic stories**, like "The Three Little Pigs" and "Chicken Little," and **memorable characters** like Goldilocks and the Billy Goats Gruff. Students will also **listen to stories** like "Jumping Mouse" that will help them develop an **appreciation** for **fiction** from other **cultures**.

What will my student learn?

Students will gain an understanding of the **elements of a story**, including **characters**, **plot**, and **setting**.

Students will **sequence the events** in stories and **compare characters** from different stories. This will help them **develop an awareness of language** and become better writers and readers.

Conversation starters

Ask your student questions about the unit to promote discussion and continued learning:

1. Who are some of the characters you have met in the stories you have been reading?
Follow up: How would you describe the characters you mentioned? Can you draw me a picture of your favorite character so far?
2. What story did you read today?
Follow up: What was the setting of the story? Can you draw a picture of what you imagined the setting looked like?
3. I know you have been reading folktales at school. What is a folktale?
4. What do you call the person who writes a book? (author) What do you call the person who makes the pictures for a book? (illustrator)
Follow up: Would you rather be an author or an illustrator? Why?
5. You have been reading about some heroes in your stories. What is a hero?
Follow up: Who is someone you think is a hero?