



# The *Family Storyteller* Program

## Major Features

- ◆ Family literacy program using children's literature and DVD that demonstrate parent-child book reading.
- ◆ Group workshop setting, one-to-one or in homes
- ◆ Designed primarily for families in which parents have more limited literacy skills
- ◆ Involvement of both parents and their children in pre-school and beginning readers (preschool through first grade)
- ◆ Emphasizes and models carefully selected book reading techniques
- ◆ Parents have time to practice reading to their children
- ◆ Enriching language activities

## Goals

- ◆ **To enrich parent/child interaction and the home environment to enhance the language and lifelong learning skills of both parent and child**
  - Stimulate verbal interaction
  - Create interest in reading
  - Encourage parent/child reading
  - Provide opportunity for reading
  - Provide access to reading materials
- ◆ **To strengthen the relationship between parent and child**

## The *Family Storyteller* can help parents:

- Help their children do better in school
- Watch their children grow in independence
- Get a special private time with their children
- Have fun and enjoy the stories

## Children can:

- Increase their language skills
- Come to love reading and writing
- Learn about their world through carefully selected books
- Do better at school
- Feel closer with parents
- Have fun and enjoy the stories

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## Workshop Series

- ◆ Six weekly one and one-half hour meetings
- ◆ Group size – 10 – 12 families

## Curriculum

- ◆ **The video, workshop content and take home activity packets feature six books:**
  - *Goodnight Moon*
  - *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*
  - *Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?*
  - *Peter's Chair*
  - *The Wheels On The Bus*
  - *Have You Seen My Duckling?*
- ◆ **Workshop trainer's manual includes:**
  - Introductory material and individual suggestions for the trainer
  - Planning and marketing guides
  - Detailed workshop lesson for each meeting and handout masters, including descriptions of take-home packets, leader guides, home activity guides for families, and forms for program evaluation; available in Spanish.
- ◆ **Train the trainer workshop available**

## Evaluation

- ◆ **Evaluated for effectiveness by University of Nevada Cooperative Extension**
- ◆ **Variety of evaluation tools available**
  - Family attendance form to keep track of family involvement
  - Workshop Rating Sheet
  - Reading At Home
  - Post-pre Evaluation

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