

Workshop 5
Parent Time
Handout

Retelling – Building Story Understanding

Parents can retell stories with their children. These can be stories that they have read together or family stories that parents have told their children.

Retell stories in order.

Use words like first, next, then, and last.

If a child needs help with retelling, use prompts:

What happened first?

What happened next?

What happened before _____?

What happened after _____?

Encourage children to use the words from the book.
For example, in the Little Red Hen, the dog said, “Not I.”

Use props to help tell the story.

Read and retell different versions of the same story.
These folk tales work well for retelling:

The Three Little Pigs

The Three Billy Goats Gruff

Goldilocks and the Three Bears

Stone Soup

Little Red Hen

