

Sample Story time Introduction:

Hi everyone! Thank you for coming to story time today. I'm Melendra, and today we're reading some great books, singing songs, and doing a lot of fun activities.

Before I begin, I want to remind all the adults to turn their cell phones to silent or vibrate and if you need to take a call, you'll have to go outside the story time area.

I also want to invite you to participate along with your child. Sometimes children are shy, and that's okay, but if you participate, your child is more likely to participate too.

Finally, if your child needs to move around during story time, that's fine, but if she becomes disruptive, please step out. When she's ready, you can always come back.

Let's get started with our Welcome Song!

Sample Introduction of Theme:

"Close your eyes tight. Count to three. 1, 2, 3. Open your eyes, and tell me what you see!"

(When their eyes are closed, I'll pull out my movement cube.)

Do you know what this is? (Pause for answers.)

Right, it's a box/cube/dice. Can you see what's on it? (If they are having trouble, read some of the movements.)

Yes! Different animals and some of the movements they make. Can you guess what we might be reading stories about today? (Allow for a 2-3 guesses.)

We are talking about animals, and about the ways that different animals move!

Sample Story time Conclusion:

Wow! That was fun. I'm so glad to see all of you today. You were great listeners!
I can't wait to see you at next week's story time.

If you look at the back of the story time sheet, you'll find all the rhymes and songs that we used in story time today.

There is also a list of other animal and movement books that are available in the library.