

Title: Retelling a Story	Grade: Kindergarten
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Content: Story Comprehension	Duration: 15-30 minutes
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Standard:

- **RL.K.3:** Retell a story by identifying characters, setting, and events in a story.

Objective: Students will listen to a read aloud and retell the story focusing on what happened in the beginning, middle and end.

Resources Needed:
 Any book of your choice or a youtube video of a children’s book.
 Here are some possible videos:
[The Gingerbread Cowboy by Janet Squires \(Read Aloud\) | Storytime](#)
 Clark the Shark by Bruce Hale
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lgZRMptA0Lk&feature=emb_rel_pause
 The Recess Queen
[👑 Kids Book Read Aloud: THE RECESS QUEEN by Alexis O’Neill and Laura Huliska-Beith](#)

Introduction/Description: After listening to a read aloud the child will retell the story using the retelling hand.



Steps:

- Listen to a read aloud of **your choice**
- Think about what happened in the story and use your hand to retell the story.
- Start with your thumb and answer—Who were the **characters**?
- Move to your first finger and describe the **setting**, or where the story takes place.
- Move to the third finger and tell what happened at the **beginning** of the story.
- Move to the fourth finger and tell what happened next in the **middle** of the story.
- Move to the little finger and tell the **ending** of the story.

- Talk to your child about what they liked or learned from the story.
- Use the retelling hand with any story—because your hand is always with you to remember what's important.
- Sing 'With this Hand" retelling song—and retell the story again!

The Retelling Song
(to the tune of *This Old Man*)

With this hand,
I retell
I can do it very well!
With Characters,
Setting
Beginning
Middle
End!
Would you like me to tell you again?

- Use paper and draw around your own hand, decorate it and use it for a retelling hand!

Finished Product: If you are able, take a video of your child retelling a story using the retelling hand and send it to your teacher.

Adaptations: Make a picture showing your favorite character or part of the story.

How to give a

HIGH-5 RETELL



- ★ Tell who the characters are using their names.
- ★ Tell where the story takes place.
- ★ Tell what happened at the beginning, middle, and end.
- ★ Use key words like: first, next, then, last, and finally.