

Build Your Own Story!

In this interactive workshop, the children and I will explore the basic building blocks of story. We will explore:

- *Character (Who)*
- *Setting (Where/When)*
 - *Goal (What)*
 - *Conflict (Why)*
 - *Plot (How)*

Once we have discussed the elements needed to tell a story, we will brainstorm a story together. Younger groups (1st-3rd grade) will work as a group, while older children (4th-8th) may do a “jigsaw story” exercise. Then the children will have time to brainstorm their stories on their own or in collaboration with others. The children will have the opportunity to share their ideas before the workshop ends.

Every child has a story to tell. Let their inner hero shine.

Take-home materials will include a list and definitions of the elements of story, as well as my contact information in case any of the children (or teachers!) want to share their story ideas with me or ask me questions.



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