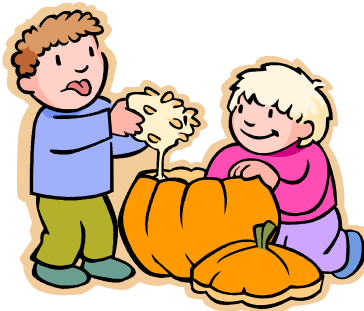


Telling Stories

It's important for children to be able to talk about stories and events in order so that when they begin to write they can share their thoughts in an understandable way.

Talk with your child about the order of things in their own lives.

"First, we found a giant pumpkin out in the garden. Then we cut it open. It was gooey inside! After that we carved it into a jack-o-lantern for Halloween."



Discuss what happens first in a storybook, what happens next, and how the story ends.

Listen to your child retell a story in his or her own words. Sometimes kids like to use stuffed animals or act out the story with props.

Look at photos and remember what happened first and what happened later.

Good stories also tell us something about the people and places involved. Help your child describe how things look and feel in the storybook or in his or her own life.

For more information about ways to help your child get ready to read and write, talk to your local youth librarian or call Joan Laurion, Dane County UW Extension, 608-224-3722. UW-Extension provides equal opportunities in employment and programming, including Title IX and ADA. Let us know if you need this material in an alternative format.