



Backpack-tivity:

An @Home Learning Activity

Fairy Tale Facts

Introduction:

As you complete this activity, you'll learn about fairy tales.

Materials:

You'll need a fairy tale to read, a pen or pencil, and this paper.

Directions:

Family Partner: Read aloud to your child a fairy tale. You might choose a book from the library or one of the tales available on line, such as those at <http://www.ivyjoy.com/fables/index.shtml>.

Before you begin to read, briefly explain to your child what the story is about and who the characters are. As you read, stop at various places in the story and ask your child to predict what will happen next.

Student: Tell your learning partner what happened in the story he or she just read. Draw a picture to illustrate the story.

Talk About It:

All fairy tales have a good character, a bad character, a magical character (a fairy, elf, giant, or troll, for example), a problem to solve, a setting, and a solution to the problem. How are fairy tales different from stories about real people? On the back of this paper, write your own fairy tale.

Learn More:

What's a "fractured fairy tale?" Find out -- and then try to write your own at http://teacher.scholastic.com/writewit/mff/fractured_fairy.htm.

This activity was completed by _____ and _____.