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2.5-Year-Old TTH Program

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I'm looking forward to going to Barnyard Days on April 10th with you. You will meet us there. The tour is 11:15, but I advise arriving early to get parking and possibly make the walk from the parking to the event.

We will talk about farms and dinosaurs this month. We will finish up by diving into our final unit of study: fairytales!

This will continue into May. Each week we will focus on a different familiar tale.

There are so many wonderful reasons to make fairytales a part of children's literature experiences.

- Because children hear them often, they lend themselves well to retelling, a very important literary skill that leads to greater comprehension, verbal communication, and eventually written stories.
- There are so many different versions of each fairytale. (Goodreads offers 127 different books of Cinderella, and that's just ONE fairytale!) Children can learn to compare and contrast by listening to and noticing small differences between stories. Comparing and contrasting is good not only for language arts, but also for mathematics and science as well. It is also a great way to show that we speak common languages across various cultures. (Again, Cinderella is a great example as so many cultures have their own version of the story.)
- Fairytales have clear examples of the story elements. Characters, setting, beginning, middle, end, problem, and solution are a few story elements that are easy for children to identify with fairytales. Practice identifying the story elements in familiar tales helps them learn to dissect other literature later in life. The story elements are also the building blocks of children's later ability to imagine, verbalize, and write their own stories.
- They spark imagination while teaching moral lessons.
- They demonstrate problem-solving and resiliency in the face of adversity.

I could go on, but I think the point is clear. Fairy tales are a useful part of child development and education. I hope your children enjoy these next few weeks going through some favorites with us.

Happy Learning!
Mrs. Mariani & Mrs. Hearn

"If you want your children to be intelligent, read them fairy tales. If you want them to be more intelligent, read them more fairy tales." — Albert Einstein.