



I AM A STORYMAKER AND STORYTELLER

Stories can be told through play and in pictures and words.

Listening and speaking helps us explore, share and develop our ideas.

Language and stories can be a source of creativity and joy.

Everyone can be a reader and create stories.

GATHER MATERIALS

- Your collection of *Beautiful Stuff* from your home or from nature (see Literacy Invitation Sept.28-Oct.2)
- A background for your story: could be a piece of felt or other fabric, your floor/carpet, your kitchen table, coloured paper or cardboard...use your imagination!

LISTEN & IMAGINE

- LOOK at your Beautiful stuff. Which objects remind you of a special time, or a special place?
- LISTEN to The Yellow Ribbon. How has the author inspired your thinking? What materials might you use to show different parts of your story ?
- LISTEN to Bear Has A Story To Share. Think about how you might start telling your story after you make it.

CREATE & SHARE

- MAKE YOUR STORY. What ideas for stories are awakened while playing with your collection of *Beautiful Stuff*? Think about why you are choosing certain materials for different parts of your story. Who are your characters? What happens in your story?
- TELL your story to someone. Just like Bear, think about how you will start your story. You can move your pieces as you tell your story if you want. Return your materials to your collection OR save your story for next time and add more details, like materials with more colour or texture. Take a photo if you want to remember this story or use it to inspire other stories.

GO BEYOND

- On a piece of paper DRAW the story you just made.
- CREATE MORE stories with your family and friends using other materials from your home, including cutlery from your kitchen drawer (see example).

