

Using the Story Braid

These story braids help students visualize the elements of stories. They function as a graphic organizer, reminding students of the parts of stories and their sequence. Here is how to use them:

Each icon on the story braid represents the components of stories.

- Fuzzy Face = Characters
- Star = Setting
- Red Octagon (like a stop sign) = Problem/Plot
- Heart = How the Character Feels about the Problem/Plot
- Beads – Events in the Story or these symbolize Beginning, Middle, End
- Bow – Solution to the Problem/Resolution

Using the Story Braid:

- **Model:** Model how to retell a story using the story braid as a guide to your retelling. (I do it.) You may have to break it down and focus on one part of the story braid (such as characters) for a while before you move on to another story element.
- **Prompt:** Ask the kids to help you retell a story using the story braid as a guide. (We do it.)
- **Practice:** Ask the students to retell a story using the story braid as a guide. (You do it.)
- **Practice:** Post the story braid in the room and make reference to it as often as needed until the kids master the skill of retelling a story.