

Creative Alternatives to Reading and Writing

Alternatives to Reading

1. Flannel Board Story
2. Telling a Story
3. Acting Out a Story
4. Listening to a Story on Tape
5. Draw a Story-in symbols, using colors, textures
6. Puppets Tell a Story
7. Background Music as Teacher Reads
8. Dress as a Saint-Tell Story in 1st Person
9. Dance a Story
10. Role Play a Story (a few simple props are important)
11. Anything to make the story more concrete - more real - pictures

Alternatives to Writing

1. Polaroid Pictures
2. Collages-tear rather than cut with a scissors
3. Discussion-small groups, large groups
4. Dioramas -done individual or in small groups
5. Dramatization
6. Posters, murals, time lines
7. Making bookmarks-for self/others-perhaps nursing homes
8. Flower with petals-good deeds done each week
9. Tape recorder (groups would need to rotate to stations)
10. Music