



International Education and Resource Network Pakistan (A project of Society for International Education)

Collect & Share Stories

Participate in iEARN FOLKTALES Project

to celebrate
World Storytelling Day
(March 20th 2009)

World Storytelling Day is a global celebration of the art of oral storytelling. It is celebrated every year on the spring equinox in the northern hemisphere, the first day of autumn equinox in the southern. On World Storytelling Day, as many people as possible tell and listen to stories in as many languages and at as many places as possible, during the same day and night. Participants tell each other about their events in order to share stories and inspiration, to learn from each other and create international contacts.



The significance in the event lies in the fact that it is the first global celebration of storytelling of its kind, and has been important in forging links between storytellers often working far apart from each other. It has also been significant in drawing public and media attention to storytelling as an art form.

Themes

Each year, many of the individual storytelling events that take place around the globe are linked by a common theme. Each year, the theme is identified by and agreed upon by storytellers from around the world.

- 2004 - Birds
- 2005 - Bridges
- 2006 - The Moon
- 2007 - The Wanderer
- 2008 - Dreams
- 2009 - Neighbors



Folk Tales Project

In this project, students will introduce the folk tales of their own countries to project participants in other countries. They will share these tales through artwork and writing. Folk tales are a way of learning about life's problems, customs, traditions, and beliefs, and they often share common themes, such as the struggle between good and evil, or wisdom and ignorance. This project looks at the global community and cultural diversity through folk tales.

Instructional Plan

Collecting Stories

- Ask students to collect true tales about the old days from different resources like books, internet or newspapers.
- Ask students to re-tell folktales in their classroom. Other students will write the story in their own words.
- Make groups of three or four students at a time and send them to the younger grades.
- Ask the younger graders to make drawings after listening to these stories.
- Ask students to share their stories and drawing on the Folktales project forum.

Sharing on the forum

Folktales Project Forum

Submit your work in Folktales project forum under the discussion “*Celebrate World Storytelling Day*”. iEARN Folktales Project forum can be accessed in iEARN collaboration centre, under the project categories “Language Arts” or can be accessed directly at: <http://foro.iearn.org/webx?230@@.1ead271a>

Note: Project can be posted all through the months of March & April

iEARN username and password is required to access this forum. If you are not registered as an iEARN member this is the time you should do so at <http://www.iearnpk.org/register.htm>

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