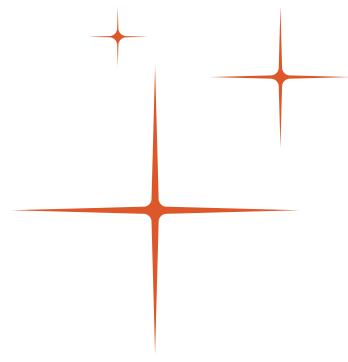


# Story Sparks



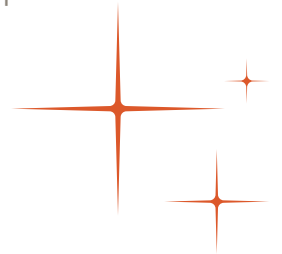
## OVERVIEW

During our **Storytelling Sparks Connection** podcast\* with Robin Nott, he shared the benefit of taking time to share our stories and how it can lead to a more productive, creative, and safe classroom.

Adapted from Robin's "Story Sparks," this activity may be used with students or staff to spark conversations, continue to build positive relationships, and be a reminder that we are Better Together!

## ACTIVITY SET UP

- Gather the group in a circle
- Encourage participants to select a topic from the list below to share with the group
- Mention approximately how long the story should be (short or extended version)
- Decide if there is time for the group to ask "tell me more" questions
- As the leader, thank all who share and encourage snaps, claps, etc



## STORY SPARKS

- A great joy in your life
- A great sadness in your life
- An important friend
- A hero to you
- A proud accomplishment
- An animal you love
- A vacation story
- A school or work story
- A time of discovery
- An important lesson you learned
- A time you moved in your life
- An interesting place you have been
- A time of great change for you
- A grandparent story
- A prized possession
- An outdoors story
- A time you surprised yourself or others
- The greatest risk you have taken
- A wish that came true
- A dream you are pursuing
- Your earliest memory
- Something you built or fixed
- An embarrassing time
- A teacher story
- A time you were lost
- The biggest or hardest decision you faced
- A big mistake or failure
- A story about love
- An unexplainable moment
- Your favorite place in the world
- Someone who inspired you
- A story of courage or fear

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