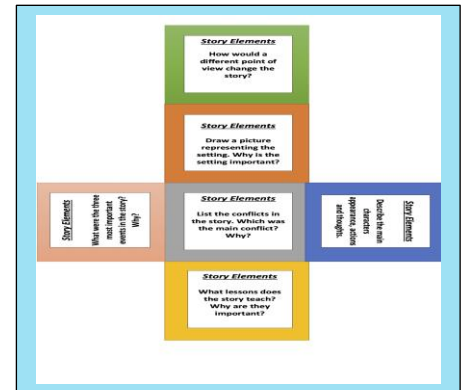


# BUILDING A LITERACY CUBE –FAMILY ACTIVITY

This is a great activity for parents and kids to do together bringing both math skills and providing a great literacy tool for families to work together.

## BUILDING THE CUBE (MATH)

- Use a card stock or poster board sized at least 12" x 9" (approx. 30.58cm x 22.86cm)
- Draw a 12" (30.58cm) high x 3" (7.62cm) rectangle in the middle of the page  
Cut this drawing out.
- Divide the rectangle into 4 3" (7.62cm) squares
- At the second from the bottom square, add a 3" (7.62cm) square on each side of the existing square.
- Fold every square in preparation to form the cube
- Fold the four lengthwise squares together and glue to connect them  
Fold up the two side squares to meet the four-sided cube and glue them to form a solid cube.



## LITERACY TIPS

- Have children (with your help if needed) write the literacy tips on each square. If it is easier, you can write on the squares before beginning to glue the cube together.
- There are three different level cubes you can create based on the grade/age level of your children.
  - Reader Response
  - Story Elements
  - Story Prewriting

## USING THE LITERACY CUBE

- For the **Reader Response** or **Story Elements** cubes, select a book that your child can read (with or without your assistance).
- Read the book
- After reading the book, use the literacy cube to draw out responses from your child which allows parents/caregivers to be more engaged in their child's reading.
- Have your child roll the cube and answer the questions.
- Help your child explore and expand their answers
- The **Story Prewriting** cube is a great tool to encourage your budding author.
- This cube offers questions that will inspire the drafting of a storyline that your child can work from to write their story.

**TEMPLATES FOR ALL THREE LITERACY CUBES ARE AVAILABLE AT:**

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