Theme 4: Compare and Contrast / Week 2

**Stories**

This week, we will enjoy hearing stories and then talking about how the stories are alike and different. We will be noticing the characters, the settings, and what happens in the story.

**Word of the Week:** villain

A villain is a story character who does bad or hurtful things.

Use the Word of the Week at home. You might ask: *When we read (name of story), was one of the characters a villain?*

**Library Story Time**

Take your child to story time at your local library. Check the schedule of children’s events and attend those that interest your child. This is a great way to learn about new books and to take advantage of free resources in your community.

**My Favorite!**

Share a favorite children’s book from your childhood. Tell memories you have about hearing the story. Who read the story to you? If you owned the book, who gave it to you? Why did you like the story? Ask: *What is your favorite book?* Compare your favorite story book with your child’s favorite story book.

**Three Little Pigs**

Tell your child the version of the “Three Little Pigs” that you remember from your childhood. Compare it to the version your child is learning at school.

**Looking at Groceries**

Invite your child to help you put groceries away. As you take the items out of the bags, compare and talk about their 3-D shape attributes. Can you stack some of the items (boxes)? Can you roll some of the items (cans)? Ask: *How can we place this can on the shelf so it will not roll around?*

**More Words to Know**

characters

compare

cone

contrast

cube

cylinder

setting

sphere

**Coming Next Week:** We will explore the differences between real and make-believe stories.