



*All New Haven children, birth through 8 are healthy, safe, thriving in nurturing families and prepared to be successful lifelong learners.*

**Quality Experience Committee (0 to 5 years of age)  
October 24, 2013  
Notes**

- Denise reported on CCEI training- all the teachers have been entered into the system as of yesterday. There are 178 licenses (including 4 for people that paid on their own). The All Our Kin teachers are not yet entered. There are 14 directors included in the 174, the rest are teachers. People have been asked to take 2 courses in the first 2 months.
- Storytelling Project – Marge reported that there was a NY Times article on 10/23/13 that validates that kids who hear language and words do better later on. Parents and teachers need to know the value of telling their own stories, and that it is okay to do it. Notes from Storytelling subcommittee meeting on Oct 1 were reviewed.

There was discussion about the story telling pilot that is being planned:

- Each class could write its own story (like a giant mad lib)
  - Kids need a reason for talking
  - We can add drawing (visual literacy) to the story telling
  - Reading (looking at pictures) encourages conversation with the children
  - Pictures (photos, works of art) can encourage storytelling
  - One workshop in the pilot could be about “in the moment” story telling
- Little Read – perhaps we want to use a wordless book (to go along with storytelling focus), maybe a kit to encourage the telling of a story, Every Parent is a Famous Storyteller. A list of wordless books will be compiled for the next meeting.
  - Next meeting – November 21, 2013

\*\*\*\*\* Storytelling subcommittee meeting – Monday, November 18 at 11:00-12:30 at Gateway

