November is: Family Stories Month

Read these stories together. Then spend time with Mom, Dad or a grandparent and share your own family stories. Tell stories about what you’ve and your ancestors have done. Imagine what you may do in the future.

Cali, Davide. Great Dog. (A puppy looks at the portraits in his hallway, and his father tells him the story of his family.)

Curtis, Jamie Lee. Tell Me Again: about the Night I was Born. (In this story about adoption, a child enjoys the tale of her birth)

Diaz, Junot. Islandborn. (A young Dominican American child learns her family’s history by asking for stories from relatives and neighbors.)

Gonzales, Mark. Yo Soy Muslim. (A father writes a beautiful poem to his daughter to help her be proud of who she is.)

Harshman, Marc. One Big Family. (A family reunion is full of stories, meals and fun together.)

Hegarty, Patricia. We Are Family. (Many families doing things together all over the world)

Hill, Melanie Heuiser. Around the Table that Grandad Built. (A family celebrates a meal together as they recall where all the how their history contributed to the meal.)

Lamb, Albert. Tell Me the Day Backwards. (Timmy Bear and his mama recount the day, one event at a time.)

Lo, Rich. New Year. (A child moves from Hong Kong to America. He finds acceptance and a way to tell his story when his drawings inspire the class to decorate the classroom with symbols of Chinese New Year.)
McPhail, David. *The Family Tree*. (A boy fights for a tree that has been in his family for generations.)

Norman, Kimberly. *Come Next Season*. (A family enjoys the different seasons.)

O’Leary, Sara. *A Family is a Family is a Family*. (A teacher asks each child to draw a picture and to tell what makes each family special and unique.)

O’Leary, Sara. *When You Were Small*. At bedtime, a creative father tells his son tall tales about when he was small.

Peacock, Thomas. *The Forever Sky*. (Nighttime is the perfect time to share ancestor stories about the sky and stars.)

Spinelli, Eileen. *Someday* (A young girl dreams of what her future will be, while comparing it to the present day.)

Watts, Jeri. *A Piece of Home*. (A young boy moves to the US from Korea with his family. Keeping tradition helps him and his family to acclimate.)

Woodson, Jacqueline. *This is the Rope*. (A young girl tells the story of a jump rope that belonged to her grandmother, and all the ways it was used for three generations.)

Yum, Hyewon. *This is Our House*. (A child tells the story of her family as she looks at different parts of her house.)