THE BIG IDEA: Children will craft verbal or written stories that include setting, characters, and plot.

HERE IS WHAT YOU WILL NEED:

- Paper
- Scissors
- Writing tools: Pens, Pencils, Markers, etc.
- Tape or Glue

HOW TO DO IT!

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<td>Imagine six (6) ideas each for a potential character, setting, and plot for a story. Encourage children to be creative and list their wildest ideas.</td>
<td>Write or draw the ideas on small pieces of paper and cut them out. If writing the plot, encourage children to provide a concise summary. Facilitate conversation about their choices. Why did you choose these characters? What excites you most about these plots? How will these settings make each story different?</td>
<td>Print and cut three (3) cube templates or draw them and cut them out. Fold each and secure the ends with tape or glue, so that you have 3 cubes. Tape or glue your 6 characters on one cube, one character per side. Repeat with the setting, and then the plot. Play! Encourage children to roll each cube, and write or tell a story using the character, plot, and setting!</td>
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IN STEP 1 YOUR CHILD IS PRACTICING...
- Personal Connection
- Raising Questions
- Intro to vocabulary
- Story Structure

IN STEP 2 YOUR CHILD IS PRACTICING...
- Communication
- Motor Skills
- Personal Connection
- Story Structure

IN STEP 3 YOUR CHILD IS PRACTICING...
- Motor Skills
- Reading & Writing
- Story Structure
- Self Expression

TIPS & TRICKS

- For an extension, you can add more cubes! Some ideas for additional cubes include protagonists, antagonists, transportation, or even multiple settings, characters, or plots. Have a preliterate one? Make the cubes yourself, and let the little ones roll the cubes and then verbally craft their stories.

- You can download cube templates or create your own by drawing the templates on paper. Then you can write or draw on the templates before cutting and assembling the cube.

- To continue the discussion of character, setting, and plot, use these terms when reading or listening to stories.

- Stuff your story cubes with the paper scraps to make them more durable. Have fun decorating your story cube. Be creative!
**WHAT IT COULD LOOK LIKE:**

**Setting Cube with Drawings:**
You can choose to draw and color the elements of your cube, or write them out.

**Additional Cube Ideas:**
You can add more cubes to make your story more complex.

**TEKS:**
K - ELAR: §110.2 (K.11A) • 1st - ELAR: §110.3 (1.12A) • 2nd - ELAR: §110.4 (4.12A) • 3rd - ELAR: §110.5 (3.12A) • 4th - ELAR: §110.6 (4.12A) • 5th - ELAR: §110.7 (5.12A)

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