

Everything I Ever Needed to Know I Learned in Storytelling Club

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From the Kids' Point of View:

- Take a deep breath and always look around. (RG, grade 6)
- Break it down. (GD, grade 6) and take it bit by bit. (CF, grade 6)
- It's not easy, but keep trying. (CP, grade 4)
- Try not to be nervous. (PK, grade 5)
- Keep practicing. (CJ, grade 5)
- It's o.k. to be bad as long as we improve. (SJ, grade 4)
- If you focus hard enough you will succeed. (JS, grade 5)
- Don't worry because it will always be liked by someone. (CA, grade 5)
- You shouldn't worry, just have fun! (KM, grade 3)
- Never give up if it's hard. (MM, grade 4)
- Everyone wants you to do well! (GD, grade 6)
- Relax and just be yourself and have fun. (KS, grade 5)
- It's okay to mess up. (JM, grade 4)
- If you mess up, just move on and admit to your mistake. (SL, grade 4)
- If I stay calm, I can do it! (DC, grade 3)
- Believe in yourself (JF, grade 4)
- You never know what'll happen. (CF, grade 6)

Storytellers Sue Black (Illinois) and Karen Chace (Massachusetts) sponsor storytelling clubs in their community schools. They 'met' on the Storytell Listserv and soon discovered they had student storytelling clubs in common. They have teamed up to write about the amazing transformations they have witnessed in the student storytellers as a result of their Storytelling Club experiences.

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