

KAMPUNG KONVERSATION KEY TAKEAWAYS

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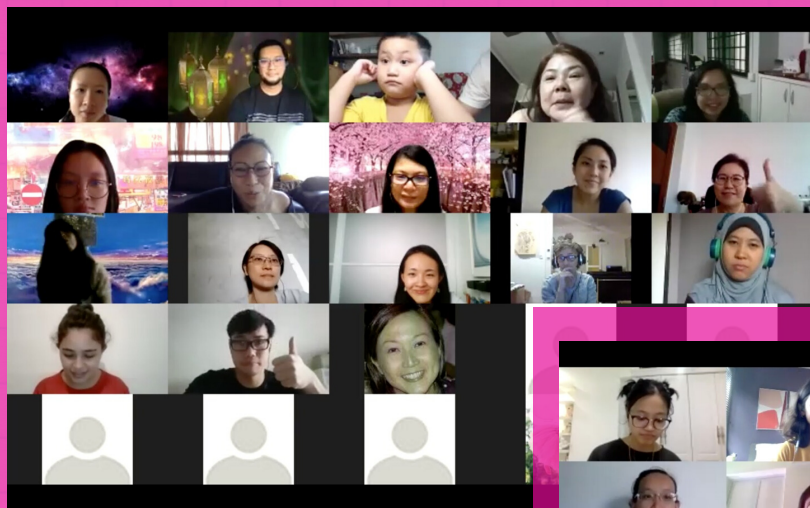
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SHARING & TIPS ON
STORYTELLING FOR PARENTS

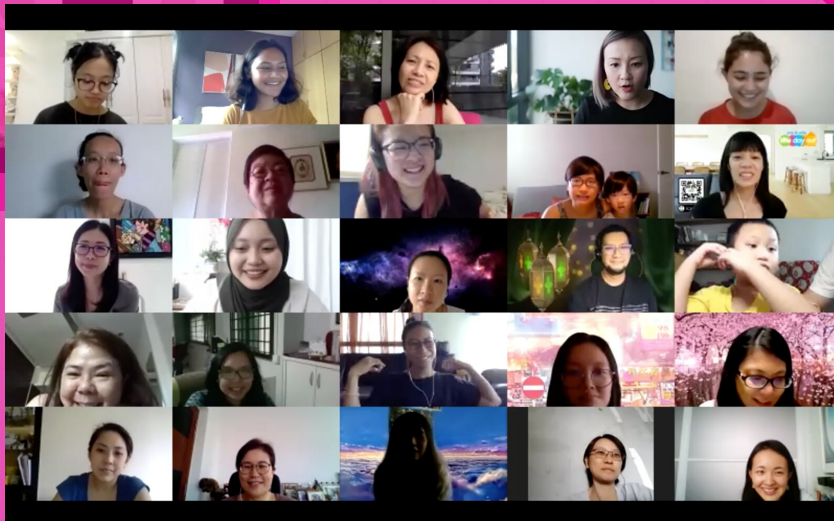
In collaboration with our friends at Little Day Out, the 4th session of Kampung Konversation was led by Storyteller and Voice Coach, Petrina Kow!

Petrina shared with parents some wonderful tips and insights on creative storytelling at bedtime.

"Stories have a huge impact on us. It helps us learn, discover, navigate and understand the complexities and mysteries of life."



We were joined by adults from different walks of life!



TIPS ON STORYTELLING

1 Let storytelling be a sacred space for you and your child.

Make it a 'thing' that both you and your child look forward to! If having it every night takes up too much time, start with once a week and perhaps call it a "Friday Night Special" - a time that feels important and something that your children can look forward to in their week.

2 Use your voice and be different characters.

Don't be afraid to use different voices for different characters in the story (even if you end up with 20 different voices and forget what each character sounded like at the start....). Don't worry about accents or tones, just have a go at it and have fun.

3 Give roles to your children.

Give your child a task to be part of storytelling - whether it's holding the book, getting them to have a go at making sound effects, letting them own the role of one character.... anything that allows them to take ownership of the story!

4 Set agreements.

Setting mutual agreements before you start the story helps set the tone and intention of the session. For example, if your child loves asking questions in between the story, give them the option to at the end and let them know... e.g. "Let's wait till the end, shall we? I wonder what happens then....".

5 Resist the urge to teach.

Go into the space of storytelling with your children as a learner and resist the urge to take control over the whole process. View it as a time to explore stories, not a time to teach phonics or morals (though sometimes it can be very tempting to!) Be just as curious as they are!

Try reading a new book that both of you have not explored before so that there's a hint of curiosity and mystery - even for you. Or if you are revisiting an old book, try gamefy-ing or scaffolding the experience in different ways e.g. ending it with an art activity or a game.