

Welcome to the Story!

Parents :: please start by reading the Letter from Yogger LeFossa (pg. 6-7) and the corresponding Note from the Publisher (pg. 322-3), as these will give you a sense of the workbook and our hopes for your time in it.

Preview the Table of Contents, Glossary, and general format of the book. There are pirate story chapters, exercises, storytelling (Set Sail), challenge work (Heave Ho), and reviews (Scratch Yer Noggin). The storytelling, challenge, and review work is all optional, but recommended; include these as they work well for your student - they are entirely extra. Given the time constraints of a 10 week schedule, you may want to save these for doing at a later date, as a review.

I highly recommend that you utilize our Teacher's Guide and follow along as your student does exercises. In it, we give you a bit more information about each story element, as well as show you how to help solidify this for your student by finding it within the story. More importantly, we provide tips for bringing this subject into your every day life - and I believe this might be it's most valuable use.

If you are interested in more information, check out the resource page on our website, <http://www.piratesguidestory.com/ResHome/> Here you'll find a full Teacher's Guide, how to use each section of the workbook, articles about creativity, printables, and ways to incorporate this into everyday life.

Students :: ahoy! After you parent reads the letter to them, you should grab your book and get ready for an adventure! Before your first week's meeting, you'll need to read the first three chapters of this book. That's right, it's not *just* a workbook, it's also got a story that you'll be reading throughout the entire book. So read pages 3-11. You don't have to read pages 6-7, as that's a letter from the pirate to your parents, but you sure can. In your first meeting you'll be doing the first exercise and prepare for the coming weeks. One piece of advice :: do NOT read ahead in the story. Just take your time, read the chapters and do the exercises that are assigned each week in the order they are presented. And prepare to have some fun!

Have fun,
The talking monkeys at Wondertale Press

