The Ten Reasons I Continue to Take Children’s Stories

1. Stories center my classroom.

2. Stories naturally advance children’s emerging literacy skills.

3. Stories remind me to meet children where they are.

4. Stories give children a safe forum for dealing with emotion.

5. Stories let all children join the “Literacy Club.”

6. Stories provide children a comfortable place to rehearse future behavior.

7. Stories help me to make caring connections to challenging children.

8. Stories encourage risk taking.

9. Stories permit me to see the world from a child’s point of view.

10. Stories allow me to joyfully share the road that my students travel towards growth, independence, and love of story.