



December 2017

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We joyfully invite you to participate in our collection of ACS family stories initiative. We are a vibrant, diverse community. Our students' families represent many different cultures and traditions. We would like to recognize these traditions in conjunction with our literacy program in collecting oral stories. Oral folk stories, often passed down through many generations, offer opportunities for language development, social interactions, phonemic awareness, interpretation of life lessons, and the analysis of story elements, to name just a few benefits. Some examples of these stories across varying cultures include "Little Red Riding Hood", Stories of Anansi the Spider, "La Cucarachita Martina", and "The Giant Pot." We are collecting stories from students' families, and from the faculty members, so that we can share them in the spring during an ACS video stories gallery walk in the ACS library. We are hoping that you will share these stories by submitting a video during winter break, a time when families often gather.

Families of students in grades 2, 3, 4, and 5 can choose to post a video, via the link below, of you and or any family members telling, or reading the story. In order to log on to post the video you will need to use either your own Gmail account or use your child's username and password, which your child may know. If your child does not know it please email the teacher for this information. There is a short form available once you click on the link. The form will help us keep track of the number of stories we have collected. You may also choose to come in during the month of January to record your story at ACS instead of posting on the link. The dates for videotaping are to be determined.

For families of children in pre-kindergarten, kindergarten, and first grade, you may also use this link to upload a video but you will have to use your own Gmail account, or the username and password of an older sibling. For those who do not have access to an email account. We will have days during which you can come into school and we will help you video and upload. As mentioned above, those dates will occur in January and are yet to be determined.

Please know that we will show the video during a gallery exhibit in the ASC library in the spring. All will be invited. Please fill out the permission slip below if you are willing to participate.

Thank you so much for participating in this fun and exciting community project with us. We look forward to hosting you during our gallery exhibit in the spring.

Sincerely,

Maria B. Martinez

<https://goo.gl/mWzebe>

I _____, will participate in the ACS Family Stories collection. I understand that
(Parent/guardian name)

my video will be shown during the ACS family story gallery exhibit in the spring.

Signature