

## Story/Conversation Starters

Introduce these activities to quickly engage a child in the tutoring session. They are all literacy-based and non-threatening and can be abbreviated, expanded and/or repeated. These activities support vocabulary development, fluency in speech, and logical sequencing when speaking or telling a story.

### Silent Conversation

#### Supplies:

- Timer
- Paper or Whiteboard
- Pen or pencil

#### Directions:

1. Explain to your student that for the next 3 minutes you will have a conversation in writing, *and no one is allowed to make a sound*. The only way to communicate is to write back and forth to each other.
2. Set a timer for 3 minutes and begin the conversation with your student. If you notice the child has difficulty reading one of your words, help him through written prompts. Take the silence seriously!
3. Continue the written conversation until the timer goes off.