

Mary and I are still smiling thinking of our time together last Sunday at our first Children of the Well meeting.

We enjoyed your "facts about yourself" and your fantasies about the lives you might play. We appreciated your enthusiasm in trying to tell a tale you'd heard only once and in looking for stories you might work on. We repeat: PLEASE bring a story you are willing to work on this week, although we realize you may still not be certain it's "the one." We'll bring copies (on paper) of more stories too. There clearly isn't enough time to browse through books. If you have any questions about your story-choosing feel free to talk to us in your response to this email.

PLEASE bring TWO paper or photo-copied copies of the story you have chosen so far. Or if you have two stories and are undecided, bring two copies of both. That way you can keep a copy to work with and one of the teachers can take home a copy. This will simply help us keep track of who is telling what. You can still change your mind down the road. We have several weeks to practice and by the end of April you'll know just which story you want to share at our "dress rehearsal" telling on April 26 and at our community gathering on April 30. And we'll give you lots of help. Fear not.

PLEASE come early this week so if you have questions or your parents have questions we can handle them before class and still begin promptly at 2:45. We didn't actually start class last week until 3 p.m.

We want to begin and end with a prayer. Last week at the end of class we simply ran out of time and everyone left and with no closure. We teachers will try to plan the time better and make room for both the completer statement reflection sheets and a closing prayer. We were delighted with your responses and questions from this past week's completer statements, and we will address your concerns.

We have divided you into two teams for practicing and coaching, but we will start and end all classes as a large group. The two teams are as follows:

<b>Mary Murphy's</b>	<b>Marni Gillard's</b>
Sarah	Dan
Tim	Salma
Adah	Sam
Nate	Ben
Nasibah	Nimi
Alaudeen	Monica
Kit	Ilyssa

We have decided to ask parents, if they want to stay, to do an alternative activity in a different room. Gert Johnson or Paula Weiss will be contacting parents about an alternative activity. We decided this because several children said they'd be more comfortable working simply with their peers.

Please respond to this email so we know you received it. We'll see you Sunday.

Marni and Mary