Graphic Organizers

- **Two Stars and a Wish**: You can make a drawing of a star and something that represents a wish. You will ask the child or children to tell you two things they did well today and one thing they want to do better. These do not have to be anything academic.

- **Venn Diagram**: This shows the relationship between two things that seem unalike. It is drawn with two ovals or other shapes that intersect. In the section on the left is a list all the characteristics of one thing, person, etc., and in the right section is a list of all the characteristics of the other thing, person, etc. In the intersecting section is a list of how the two things, people, etc. are the same. For instance, the child might choose a dog and a cat. On the left (under "dog"), the child may share that a dog barks, and on the right (under "cat") the child may say a cat meows. In the intersecting section, the child may say both can be pets. Children are learning how to compare and contrast. You could also use two hula-hoops, overlapping them so they intersect (use duct tape to keep them in place), and provide concrete objects or photos to help children create a Venn diagram.

- **Senses**: On this graphic organizer, senses will be written at the top, and then there will be five columns: a picture of an eye (sight), an ear (hearing), a hand (touch), a mouth (taste), and a nose (smell). You will write or help children write some things that they saw, heard, touched, tasted, and smelled. This kind of graphic organizer can also be used for things other than senses.

- **Story Builder**: A paper is divided into three sections: beginning, middle, and end. After reading a story, children will share what happened in each of these three basic sections of the story.

- **Story Map**: This can be drawn in many ways. There typically are four sections: character(s), the place or setting, a problem that the characters had in the story, and a solution (or how the character(s) solved their problem). Think about a child's responses to a story like "The Three Little Pigs."