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"A vivid and credible picture
of how five-year-olds think."

—D.J. Enright, *Times Literary Supplement*

Conversations in the kindergarten

- “Wally’s stories” shows the conversations between kindergartners after a story or topic is introduced. The book shows how the students and teacher learn and grow with each other throughout the year .



KINDERGARTENERS

The children in the book question one another, and help each other learn what is real and what is fake. Each child has their own background knowledge, and believe on the topic being discussed and often opens up new ideas and possibilities to the other children.



Conversations in the Kindergarten



Conversations discussed between the kindergarteners:

Rulers, Fish, Monsters, Jealousy,
Fairies, Santa Clause, Actors,
Lies, Pulley, Fairness, Magic ,
Sugar, Numbers, Bad and Good,
Valentines, Birthdays, Man on the Moon,
Babies, Akemi, Robbers, Theater

LIES

The children in the book talk about telling lies, and what their opinion of a lie is differs from the teachers. They learn that bending the truth is the same thing. They learn that the important thing is whatever was being lied about does not happen again.



Service Learning Comparison

- ◉ Get to tell stories
- ◉ Teacher never tells them that they are wrong
- ◉ Anything is possible, no limit to the sky
- ◉ Everything has one way to be done.
- ◉ Everything just is, children don't get to create the story
- ◉ Only instructions

