



What is StoryCycles®?

The Tandem StoryCycles® school-to-home book-sharing program is designed to make it easy and fun for families to get involved in their children's early learning.

We do this by sending books home through classrooms, childcare centers, and other places where families and children frequently gather. By sending books home regularly, StoryCycles engages families in building a joyful habit of sharing stories with their children from a young age.

StoryCycles books are high-quality, multilingual, multi-cultural, and inclusive. Tandem's team of Early Learning Specialists work with educators and program providers to ensure that StoryCycles books expose families to new worlds and reflect the communities in which they live.

Tandem® will provide educators with:

- 2-4 books per child
- One StoryCycles® bag per child
- A simple book tracking system
- Reminder notices to send home with families
- A guide filled with reading tips and best practices
- Program support as needed

Educators or designated classroom volunteers will:

- Invite families to take books home on a weekly or bi-weekly basis
- Regularly check that all books and bags are returned and kept in good condition
- Communicate with families that have not returned books or bags on time

Classroom Circulation Options

Classroom Book-Sharing System

An educator or designated classroom volunteer pre-packs the StoryCycles book bags and assigns each bag a number. This person sends the bags home with the students each week and checks them back in upon return.

Book Bag Sign-Out System

An educator or designated classroom volunteer pre-packs and numbers the StoryCycles book bags. Families may then pick up and drop off the bags in a designated area. Families sign the bags in and out using a binder.

Either of these circulation options supports families' access to the full collection of StoryCycles books over the program cycle.

If neither of these options works for your site, we are happy to work with you to design a rotation solution that fits your needs.

See our **Tandem StoryCycles Tips and Tricks** for ideas on how to engage families and keep the program running smoothly.

