Storytime at Home
A World Imagined

Because they are inexperienced in the real world, children can have great imaginations. Let’s explore some fantastical creatures and stories. Each book is available online and can be accessed on a computer or device. Bonus points if you have one or two at home! Enrich the experience by doing the activities and singing the songs. Songs without a well-known tune have a link to a video to help.

READ
(Overdrive: You will need a Gretna barcode and your phone number to log in. Please return Overdrive books promptly so others can enjoy them.)

When a Dragon Moves In by Jodi Moore (Storyline Online)
I Need My Monster by Amanda Noll (Storyline Online)
Hey, That’s My Monster by Amanda Noll (Storyline Online, Overdrive)
A Big Mooncake for Little Star by Grace Lin (Overdrive)
Dragons Love Tacos by Adam Rubin (Overdrive)
Ganesha’s Sweet Tooth by Emily Hanes (Overdrive)
Please Bring Balloons by Lindsay Ward (Brightly Storytime)
The Paper Bag Princess by Robert Munsch (Overdrive, Tumblebooks)

WRITE & TALK
Come up with three story elements (a hero, a person, an object, a villain, a conflict, a place, etc.) and then build a story around it with your child. Let your child draw the pictures, and you can write the story underneath. If possible, your child can share the story with friends or family over Skype, Facetime, etc.
SING & PLAY

Roar Went the Dragon
(to the tune of "Here We Go ‘Round the Mulberry Bush")
(Put down a line on the floor with tape, string, or a yardstick. Have your child jump back and forth over the “castle gate” until the last line of the song. can be side to side, front and back, or front-turn-front.)

In and out the castle gate,
The knights all chased the dragon.
The knights just thought it was all good fun,
"Roarrrrrrr" went the dragon!
(stop and ROAR!)

The Royal Action Song
(to the tune of "Mary Had a Little Lamb")
I am king of running, running, running,
All my subjects run with me,
and we have so much fun!

I am queen of jumping, jumping, jumping,
All my subjects jump with me,
and we have so much fun!

I am prince of turning, turning, turning,
All my subjects turn with me,
and we have so much fun!

I am princess of dancing, dancing, dancing,
All my subjects dance with me,
and we have so much fun!

Zoom, Zoom, Zoom
(YouTube, has tune and actions)
Zoom, zoom, zoom,
We’re going to the moon.
Zoom, zoom, zoom,
We’re going to the moon.
If you want to take a trip,
climb aboard my rocket ship.
Zoom, zoom, zoom,
We’re going to the moon.
In 5, 4, 3, 2, 1... Blast off!

--Far, far, far,
We're going to the stars
--Fun, fun, fun,
We're going to the sun