



Using Puppets in the Classroom

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Benefits of Using Puppets

- Increases vocabulary
- Creativity
- Social Skills
- Emotional Development
- Problem Solving
- Illustrating Story+ Extending Story
- Music Appreciation
- Motor Skills



Types of Puppets

- Homemade
 - Sock Puppet
- Hand-Held
 - Most common in dramatic play
- Finger puppets
- String Puppet
- Theatre
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- Pulled over hands
- Shadow puppets



Agenda

- Transitions/Introductions
- Games
- Reading
- Creative Art
- Puppet Shows
- Adding Personalities to Puppets



Transitions & Introduction

- What activity is coming next?
 - Stand up! Sit down! Hurry! Wait, not yet!
 - Shy Shelly
- Teaching Games to children
- Closure to activities

Reading

- Reading favorite book to puppets
- Make up stories to tell the puppet
 - Great for children who can't read yet
- Puppets can read to children
- Assist teacher to keep children entertained and engaged
 - E.g. Laurie Glory asks reading comprehension questions during reading.

Creative Art

- Socks
- Brown Paper bags
- Sticks
- Spoons
- Balls
- Gloves/Mitten



Puppet Show/Dramatic Play

- Put on their own puppet show
- Teachers use puppet show to introduce new concepts to children
- Use puppets to act out their own scenarios and stories
- Talking to puppets
 - Johnny Bear

Adding Personalities to Puppets

- Articulate your voice
 - Little higher or lower
- Look at puppet
- Focus the eye- all in the thumb
- Go with the flow
 - Create based on what you see
- Open and close mouth after syllable
 - Not robot

