

Integrating Drama into the Curriculum



DRAMA IS A REHEARSAL FOR LIFE

- ▶ There are multiple benefits to adding Drama to the curriculum:
- ▶ Communication through verbal and non verbal channels is practiced
- ▶ New vocabulary, new ideas, new experiences are explored
- ▶ Students develop confidence, imagination, and creativity
- ▶ Drama is transformative, it can change our lives, help students to become the persons they dream of being.



Teachers use Drama in multiple ways

- ▶ Children can “try on” the characters in a story
- ▶ Children can pretend to be the planets circling the sun
- ▶ Children can pretend to be ingredients in making a recipe
- ▶ Children can dramatize an historical event
- ▶ Children can pretend to be letters of the alphabet
- ▶ Children can be the numbers in a Math problem
- ▶ Can you think of ways to use Drama in teaching?



Power of Puppets

- ▶ Puppets can explain important social and emotional lessons because they make everything a little less personal
- ▶ Puppets are excellent tools for compassionate teaching
- ▶ Puppets can teach social skills because they grab a child's attention instantly
- ▶ Children do not have language skills to communicate abstract thought so they can "act out" a problem.
- ▶ As children use puppets to communicate, they learn to see issues from another person's point of view which teaches them empathy. The added benefit is fun and stress relief.



My Ideal Me Paper Bag Puppet

- ▶ Have you ever dreamed of being taller, shorter, smarter, having green eyes or blonde hair ?
- ▶ Have you ever wished for an exotic look, more muscles, or captivating smile?
- ▶ Today we will make your wishes come true.
- ▶ **Project:**
- ▶ **Review the Ideal You supplies. Create the ideal you by giving her /him everything to make your dreams come true. You will be asked to introduce your puppet to our class.**

