

Researching Puppets



Standards:

ELA.W.TTP.PS.2 ELA.W.R.PS.1-2 ELA.IT.D.PS.1-3 ELA.IT.S.PS.1-3 ELA.IT.I.PS.1 -2 S.LS.PS.2, 6





Materials:

- Moonbear's Shadow
- Guess Whose Shadow?
- Puppets resource
- paper
- blank books
- clipboards
- writing tools

Preparation: Set up materials.

Vocabulary:

- shadow
- puppet
- research
- information
- Marionette
- design

Intro to Centers: "In Moonbear's Shadow, Bear wanted his shadow to go away. What do you notice about his shadow?"	Show illustrations. Children respond.
Here are shadow <i>puppets</i> some of you created in Small Groups. What do you notice?"	Children respond.
"Here are images of other puppets. What do you notice?"	Show images from puppet resource. Children respond.
"Today in Library and Listening, you can <i>research</i> and different types of <i>puppets</i> . You could <i>design</i> your own puppet and write or draw the materials you need to create your <i>puppet</i> .	

During Centers:

Encourage children to collaborate, i.e., one child researches, another child documents information. Compare and contrast puppets in research to classroom puppets. Encourage children to their research to create *How To* books/a survey, i.e., *Which Puppet Would You Like To Play With?*

Guiding Questions during Centers:

- How is a hand puppet similar to or different from a marionette?
- How is telling a story with a puppet similar to or different from story acting?
- What kind of puppet would you choose to play with? Why?
- What kind of puppet would you like to make? What material would you need to make your puppet?

Thinking & Feedback: Invite children to share their processes. Encourage children to describe the challenges they might have encountered.

Documentation: Collect samples of the children's work as well as photographs and/or video of their process; use the documentation to launch a discussion during Thinking and Feedback.

Provocation: Encourage children to create puppets at the Art Studio. Invite a puppeteer to visit the classroom and demonstrate his/her craft. Arrange and document a field trip to a puppet show.