

Classroom Extensions

Turkey Puppets

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Artform(s): Puppetry, Storytelling, Visual Art

Learning Objectives

Students will:

- Create a turkey puppet.
- Apply puppetry principles to their turkey puppet, e.g., different voice, storytelling, etc.
- Use their imagination to create a story about their turkey puppet.

Materials Needed

- Copies of turkey coloring page, one for each student
- Coloring materials
- Popsicle sticks, one for each student
- Glue or tape

Instructions

- Ask students to recall Louie, Miss Annie’s puppet.
- Explain that a puppet can be used as a character to help us tell a story.
- Hand out copies of the turkey.
- Allow time for students to color their turkey.
- Carefully cut out the turkey and attach to a popsicle stick.
- Now, ask students to create a story with their turkey. Suggested questions:
 - What is your turkey’s name?
 - What does your turkey sound like?
 - Imagine your turkey came to school. What would s/he do first? And then what would happen? What came next?
 - Imagine your turkey went grocery shopping. What might happen? And then what happened?
- Take the stories further and turn them into a puppet show.

Timmy Turkey File Folder (For Teachers)

Materials Needed

- File folder
- Sheets of color construction paper, cut to fit folder, in the following order: 1. Brown, 2. Blue, 3. Red, 4. Green, 5. Yellow, 6. Multicolored

Instructions

- Open the file folder and cut the shape of a turkey body.
- Outline the body shape on the front of the folder.
- Draw a turkey head, feet, and tail feathers on the body shape.
- Place pieces of construction paper in the order above.
 - Optional: Using a black marker, draw lines on each sheet of paper suggesting lines between feathers. Glue or tape the written story to the back of the folder making it easy to read.

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