

Magic Show

Mr. Leo's Puppet Show

PK-4

ABOUT THE PERFORMANCE

Mr. Leo's magic show is an interactive and fun show where kids get to participate and feel like a magician themselves! It features many shocking magic tricks that will leave everyone believing magic is real!

TEKS (Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills):

	Theater	Language Arts	Social Studies	The Students Will: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Demonstrate appropriate etiquette during live performances.• Practice listening and speaking.• Practice ways to deal with negative emotions.• Practice reading comprehension skills.• Write/tell stories to express ideas and feelings about real or imagined people, events, and ideas.
K	1, 2, 4, 5	1, 6, 8, 11	11, 13, 14	
1	1, 2, 4, 5	1, 6, 7, 8, 12	14, 16, 17	
2	1, 2, 4, 5	1, 6, 7, 8, 12	12, 14, 15	
3	1, 2, 4, 5	1, 6, 7, 8, 12	10, 12, 14, 15	
4	1, 2, 4, 5	1, 6, 7, 8, 12	17, 19, 20	

STAAR (State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness)

Reading Comprehension skills in Grades 3, 4
Writing skills in Grade 4

Academic Vocabulary:

Magic	Move, change, or create by (or as if by) supernatural powers
Magician	A person who seems to have magical powers
Prestidigitation	Magic tricks

CLASSROOM CONNECTIONS:

Before the performance

- What do you know about magic?
- Do you know a magic trick?

After the performance:

- What did you like best about the presentation?
- Write, draw, tell, sing, dance, or act out your favorite part.

Language Arts:

- Make a list of words that are synonyms for “magic” and use to create stories, poems, raps, songs, skits, or other forms. Ideas: Sorcery, witchcraft, wizardry, enchantment, spell, incantation, supernatural, etc.
- Read stories about magic and act them out or use to inspire drawing, songwriting, dance, raps, poems, or other forms. Ideas:
<https://www.google.com/search?client=safari&rls=en&q=books+about+magic+for+kids&ie=UTF-8&oe=UTF-8>
- Break the word prestidigitation into syllables. pres-ti-di-gi-ta-tion. Look up the meaning of the root word, “digit,” and each affix. Create real or made-up words with the same roots and/or affixes.

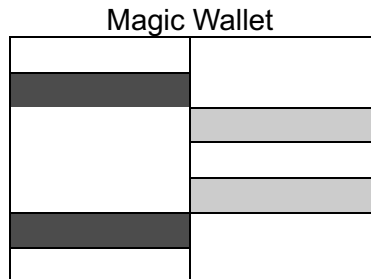
Math:

Insides and outsides (topology):

- Use adding machine paper or cut recycled paper into long strips. (A) Tape/glue one end of a strip to its end to make a loop. Use a marker to make a center stripe down the inside. Predict what will happen if you cut it on the stripe. Do so and discuss what happens. (B) Make a **Moebius Strip**. Use another strip to make a loop. However, turn one of the ends once before connecting to the other end. Make a center stripe down the inside. Predict what will happen if you cut the strip on the stripe. Do so and discuss. (C) Repeat the process but this time turn one of the ends twice before connecting. Be sure to predict the results. (D) Play/explore making and connecting other loops.
- **Magic Wallet**. Each person needs 2 index cards without lines on either side. (A) Place the cards side by side with long sides touching. (B) Measure across the two short sides at the top or bottom. (C) Cut two red strips the length you measured and two black strips that length. (D) Place the strips as shown in the diagram with the black strips on one card and tucked under the other card. Place the red strips on the right card as shown and tuck the other ends behind the left card. Make sure the cards are no more than a 1/16” apart. Make sure the strips are exactly at the edges of the cards or trim. (E) Use skinny strips of transparent tape. Place a half of a tape strip on one of the black strips and bend back and tape under the card. Repeat with the other black strip. Repeat but backward with the two red strips. (F) Close the two cards one direction and then the other. On one side you should see only black strips and on the other only red strips. (G) Cut out a green rectangle (to represent money). Make it almost as long at the length of the cards. (H) To do the trick: Open the cards. Place the money behind the black strips. Say some “magic” words and turn the cards over and open. The money should now be under the red strips.
- Do other tricks with **Flexagons** and **Kaleidocycles**.
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<https://www.youtube.com/shorts/eTlkTB1qJRY>

<https://www.wikihow.com/Fold-a-Hexaflexagon>



Social Studies:

- Discover magic tricks in other cultures/countries.
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- Investigate famous magicians.

Science:

- Use 5 easy-to-break toothpicks. Break each almost in half. Place them next to each other with the broken areas touching. (They will look like a star or radiating sun.) Predict what will happen if you drop water in the middle Try and see.
- Try other science tricks. Don't forget to predict what will happen before completing the trick. <https://www.google.com/search?client=safari&rls=en&q=science+tricks+for+kids&ie=UTF-8&oe=UTF-8>

Resources:

Famous magicians:

<https://www.google.com/search?client=safari&rls=en&q=famous+magicians&ie=UTF-8&oe=UTF-8>

Magic tricks for kids:

<https://www.google.com/search?client=safari&rls=en&q=Easy+magic+tricks+for+kids&ie=UTF-8&oe=UTF-8>

<https://www.care.com/c/easy-magic-tricks-for-kids/>

<https://www.weareteachers.com/easy-science-experiments/>

ABOUT THE ARTIST:

Leonardo Velásquez, born in Venezuela, earned a Bachelor of Education, Science and Technology of Education, and a postgraduate degree in Educational Psychology. Immersed in the world of theater and puppets since 10 years of age, he has studied with international teachers. His commitment to art and education motivated him to create the company Balalin Balalan Creative Activities for Children in 2001. Since then, his company has been offering entertaining and educational shows for the whole family. Now living in Houston, his company is known as Mr. Leo Puppet Show & Entertainment. He also works as a Spanish teacher at various educational institutions in the city and its surroundings.