

Puppet Show with Stage

Mr. Leo's Puppet Show

PK-4

ABOUT THE PERFORMANCE

Join Mr. Leo as he brings any one of his Storytime puppet performances! Mr. Leo will bring his puppet friends and tell stories that range from a girl learning to overcome her fear of monsters, to a young boy learning that you don't need powers to be a hero!

All of Mr. Leo's Storytime performances can be provided in both English and Spanish!

Stories offered:

The Street of the Monster - María is a girl who gets scared of everything, even the wind. One day she encounters a monster and tells her friend Tommy. Tommy decides to catch the monster, but he discovers something unexpected... Are monsters even real?

The Adventure of Lucy and Lucas - The story of two kids who can't decide what game to play, their decision takes them on an incredible adventure with magical characters.

The Super Heroes - The story of two birds pretending to be superheroes, they are visited by famous heroes and villains and learn that to be a superhero they do not need powers, only kindness, love, and confidence.

Valeria the Hunter - Valeria wants to become the best huntress but finds herself stuck in quicksand, she must turn to the animals she wanted to hunt for help and learns the importance of the environment and the part animals play.

Dragons Tremble - The tale of Princess Elizabeth and her quest to save her boyfriend Prince Ronaldo from the clutches of a dragon.

The Kingdom of the Flowers - The story of a princess working to get back her flowers from an evil witch!

I Want a Pet - It's Sophie's birthday and her parents told her she could have a pet, but she's so excited, she can't choose! Kids, will you help me find a pet?

The Star and the Bear - A magical story between two friends who enjoy simple things and like to discover new things together.

Crispen the Dragon - A dragon who doesn't spit fire but instead bubbles and more surprises. He's very intelligent and loves to teach children

TEKS (Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills):

	Music	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	2, 3, 4	1, 2, 4, 5	1, 6, 8, 11	11, 13, 14	
1	3, 5, 6	1, 2, 4, 5	1, 6, 7, 8, 12	14, 16, 17	
2	3, 5, 6	1, 2, 4, 5	1, 6, 7, 8, 12	12, 14, 15	
3	3, 5, 6	1, 2, 4, 5	1, 6, 7, 8, 12	10, 12, 14, 15	
4	3, 5, 6	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:

Hand puppet	A representative of a human or animal figure, manipulated by the hand.
Marionette	A puppet with strings attached to its limbs and operated from above.
Story'	A written or theater piece about real or imaginary people, animals or things.

CLASSROOM CONNECTIONS:***Before the performance***

- What do you know about puppets and marionettes?

After the performance:

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

Simple Puppets

Hand. Make one hand into a loose fist. Decorate the thumb and index finger to make a mouth. Add "eyes" to the index finger knuckle. Make it "talk" by moving the thumb and index finger together and apart.

Finger. Draw faces on one or more fingers and wiggle to "talk."

Face on a stick. Draw a head on a cheap paper plate. Roll a recycled sheet of paper on the diagonal and tape to make a "stick." Attach the head to the stick. Hold by the stick to move around.

Index card. Fold an index card of any size in half. If the card has lines, fold them to the inside. On the fold, cut a slit of a few inches about 1/3 from the bottom of the card. Bend the two sides of the slit apart to make 2 triangles. Work the folds back and forth until they move easily. Open the card and push in the triangular sides to make a mouth. Color and decorate the face. Hold the card by each side and push it in and out to make the face “talk.”

Paper cup. Take an 8 ½ x 11 piece of paper and cut it to make an 8 ½ inch square. Save the leftover part. Fold the square on the diagonal to create a right-triangle shape. With the fold on the bottom, bring one point until it is parallel to the bottom and fold. Repeat with the other point. Fold down the “flaps” on top. Tuck the top flap into the “pocket” created by the folded point. Fold the back flap back. Use as a cup or finger puppet holder. With the remaining paper, create 3 small puppet faces using the same technique. The small puppets can be decorated to look like different characters and worn on one or more fingers. Save the small puppets in the cup and label it with the name of your characters or story.

Big Mouth. Create a “fortune teller,” “cootie catcher” or “salt cellar” from an 8 ½ x 8 ½ piece of paper. <https://www.google.com/search?client=safari&rls=en&q=paper+fortune+teller&ie=UTF-8&oe=UTF-8> Glue and decorate to make a puppet that can move its mouth up and down. <https://www.google.com/search?client=safari&rls=en&q=big+mouth+puppet+from+paper+fortune+teller&ie=UTF-8&oe=UTF-8>

Language Arts:

Phonemic experiences. (Good for older students to do for younger students.)

- Use puppets to spell words where each letter is spoken by a different puppet. Videotape and play back.
- Use puppets to sound out words where each phoneme is spoken by a different puppet. Videotape and play back.
- Use puppets to spell long words where each syllable is spoken by a different puppet. Videotape and play back.
- Use puppets to spell words where each letter is spoken by a different puppet. Videotape and play back.
- Use puppets to read rhyme where one student/puppet reads the rhyme, but everyone chimes in on the words that rhyme. Video or audiotape and play back.

Math:

- Use puppets to act out math problems.

Social Studies:

- Use puppets to act out characters or events from history.

Science:

- Use puppets to act out different plants, animals, or events in nature.

Resources:**Puppets:**

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

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tQkGB2ub7xY>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2pVHOaT9CZ4>

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.