

# Variety Puppet Show

**Mr. Leo's Puppet Show**

**PK-4**

## ABOUT THE PERFORMANCE

*Join Mr. Leo and all his puppet pals, animals, and marionettes for this entertaining and interactive performance! Participants will have a blast joining Mr. Leo and his puppet pal Tommy in dancing, playing, and singing!*

**TEKS** (Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills):

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

## CLASSROOM CONNECTIONS:

### *Before the performance*

- What do you know about puppets and marionettes?
- Have you ever seen a puppet show?

### *After the performance:*

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

## Make a Marionette

**Flashlight Marionette.** Choose an animal or character to make into a marionette. Cut these pieces out of cardstock and decorate: Head and torso. Cut holes where the eyes would be and cover with cellophane. Attach them to a flashlight with a cone of paper and painter's tape. Accordion fold strips of paper to make arms, and legs, tail (if appropriate). Use brads to attach to torso. Hold each marionette by its flashlight and play with moving it around in rhythmic patterns. Turn the flashlight on and off to make more patterns.

### **Simple Marionette.**

<https://www.google.com/search?client=safari&rls=en&q=make+a+simple+marionette&ie=UTF-8&oe=UTF-8#fpstate=ive&vld=cid:76d69588,vid:grl-7cEr-wQ,st:0>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yk3Udu2rdKg>

## Simple Animations

**Simple Flip:** Cut a piece of see-through paper in half lengthwise and use one of the pieces. Fold the piece in half. Put on a desk with the fold side up. On the bottom half, draw something, for example a smiling face. On the top half draw the same figure but change on thing. For Example, draw the same face but frowning. Roll the top sheet horizontally on a pencil. Use the pencil to hold the top sheet down and then let go. The drawing will seem to move. For example, the frowning face will change to smiling.

**Flip book.** Use a small pad of sticky notes. On each page make the same mark, such as a dot, but draw it in a different place on each page. Hold the pad by the top where the sticky parts are and use the other hand to flip through the pages. The dot (or other mark) will seem to move.

### **Language Arts:**

- Use a puppet, marionette, or animation to tell your own original stories.
- Use a marionette or animation to tell a story
- Use a flip book to spell out words, letter by letter or syllable by syllable.

**Math:**

- Use a marionette to act out math problems.
- Make a flip book that shows the steps in solving a problem.

**Social Studies:**

- Use a marionette to speak for an historical or cultural figure.
- Make a flip book to show how a landscape changes.

**Science:**

- Use a marionette to explain a science concept.
- Make a flip book to show weather changing.

**Resources:****Marionettes:**

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

**Simple Animation:**

“Scratch” from MIT:

[https://www.google.com/search?q=scratch+for+dummies&client=safari&sca\\_esv=4ef0d32776fa0d49&rls=en&ei=H1dxaPrJOry4qtsP2eLBIQU&gs\\_ssp=eJzj4tVP1zc0TDJLzi6yKCgxYPQSLk4uSixJzIBlyy9SSCnNzc1MLQYA0RoMJA&oq=scratch%C2%A0&gs\\_lp=Egxnd3Mtd2l6LXNlcniAicXNjcmF0Y2jCoCoCCAAYChAuGIAEGEMYigUyCxAuGIAEGMcBGK8BMggQABiABBixAzIIIEAAYgAQYkMyCxAAGIAEGJIDGloFMgcQABiABBgKMggQABiABBixAzIIIEAAYgAQYyQMyCBAAGIAEGLEDmgsQABiABBixAxiDAUi7RIAAWIsScAB4AZABAjgBjQGgAY8HggEDMS43uAEBYAEA-AEBmAlloALdB8ICCAAGIAEGJECGloFwglOEC4YgAQYsQMYgweY1ALCAhEQLhiABBixAxiDARjHAcICDhAAGIAEGLEDGIMBGloFwglIEC4YgAQYsQPCAgQABiABBhDGloFwglIEC4YgAQY0QMYxwHCAG4QLhiABBixAxiDARiKBcICBRAAGIAEMAMAgcDMC44oAeQXrHAzAuOLgH3QfCBwUyLTQuNMgHQA&scient=gws-wiz-serp#fpstate=ive&vld=cid:f4ef70c4,vid:D-nW4jvzRr8,st:0](https://www.google.com/search?q=scratch+for+dummies&client=safari&sca_esv=4ef0d32776fa0d49&rls=en&ei=H1dxaPrJOry4qtsP2eLBIQU&gs_ssp=eJzj4tVP1zc0TDJLzi6yKCgxYPQSLk4uSixJzIBlyy9SSCnNzc1MLQYA0RoMJA&oq=scratch%C2%A0&gs_lp=Egxnd3Mtd2l6LXNlcniAicXNjcmF0Y2jCoCoCCAAYChAuGIAEGEMYigUyCxAuGIAEGMcBGK8BMggQABiABBixAzIIIEAAYgAQYkMyCxAAGIAEGJIDGloFMgcQABiABBgKMggQABiABBixAzIIIEAAYgAQYyQMyCBAAGIAEGLEDmgsQABiABBixAxiDAUi7RIAAWIsScAB4AZABAjgBjQGgAY8HggEDMS43uAEBYAEA-AEBmAlloALdB8ICCAAGIAEGJECGloFwglOEC4YgAQYsQMYgweY1ALCAhEQLhiABBixAxiDARjHAcICDhAAGIAEGLEDGIMBGloFwglIEC4YgAQYsQPCAgQABiABBhDGloFwglIEC4YgAQY0QMYxwHCAG4QLhiABBixAxiDARiKBcICBRAAGIAEMAMAgcDMC44oAeQXrHAzAuOLgH3QfCBwUyLTQuNMgHQA&scient=gws-wiz-serp#fpstate=ive&vld=cid:f4ef70c4,vid:D-nW4jvzRr8,st:0)

**Animated Puppet Show**

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**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.