

Wooden O: An Interactive Sensory Adventure

Brave Little Company

Ages: 3-5

ABOUT THE PERFORMANCE

William Shakespeare called his stage a “wooden O” – an empty space where the audience’s imagination helps the actors tell the story. Once kids ages 3-5 step into Brave Little Company’s Wooden O, they’ll be on an imaginative quest to help Robin Goodfellow, a prankster with a little magic up his sleeve. They’ll engage their senses of sight, hearing, touch, and smell as they follow Robin’s map to find a mysterious flower. Presented with modern text and music, Wooden O is an age-appropriate introduction to Will’s many worlds!

TEKS (Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills):

| | Theatre | Art | Science | Lang. Arts | Math | Social Studies | The Students Will: * Demonstrate appropriate concert etiquette during live performances. * Write stories and poems that express their ideas and feelings. |
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| | K.1, 2, 4, 5 | K.1, 2 | K.6 | K.1 | K.1 | K.11 | |

Academic Vocabulary:

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| William Shakespeare | * (1564 – 1616) An English playwright, poet, and actor, widely regarded as the greatest writer in the English language and the world's greatest dramatist. |
| Wooden O | * Globe Theatre: a round theatre constructed out of oak. |
| Quest | * A long search for something. |
| Prankster | * A person fond of playing tricks on others. |
| “O” | * The fifteenth letter of the English alphabet. An example of o is the first letter in the name "Obama.". |
| Circle | * A round, plane figure. |

CLASSROOM CONNECTIONS:

Before the performance

- Can you make the shape of an “O” with your hands? What could you put in a circle that big?
- Can you imagine a circle large enough for the entire classroom?

After the performance:

- What did you learn about in this presentation?

- Write, draw, tell, sing, dance, or act out your favorite part.

Language Arts:

- Read/look at books that feature “O,” such as *The Book With a Hole in it* by Herve Tullet.
- Write/draw a story on a paper plate.
- Chant:

The “O” is round,
Don’t you know?
There’s nothing rounder
Than an “O!”

Math:

- Put items inside a hula hoop or other round object. Estimate, then count how many fit inside.
- Make a large “O” on the floor with painter’s tape or outside with chalk. Estimate how many children can fit inside, then count how many.
- Chant:

A circle is a shape,
Round like an “O.”
Round as a penny,
It’s the roundest shape I know!

Social Studies:

- Draw your family inside a big circle.
- Play circle games such as “Ring Around A-Rosy.”



Science:

- Find items with an "O" shape inside and outside your school.
- Roll a piece of paper to make an "O" shaped looker.

Resources:

Related Websites:

http://legacyexchange.smarttech.com/search.html?q=letter+%22o%22&subject=All+subjects&grade=All+grades®ion=en_US

<https://www.brighthubeducation.com/preschool-lesson-plans/51664-all-about-circles/>

<https://teaching2and3yearolds.com/teaching-circles-to-toddlers-and-preschoolers/>

ABOUT THE ARTIST:

Brave Little Company is theatre for everyone. They create works about, with, and for kids and their grown-ups, reflecting Houston's diversity and empowering children to create art on their own.