

Puppets Support Literacy- Learning Is Alive!

A workshop for elementary and preschool teachers

Workshop Description:

Teachers- get motivated, gain confidence, and learn techniques for using puppets to help support literacy in your classroom - powerful teaching and learning tools - to nurture creative thinking, to stretch the imagination, to strengthen a love of language, to motivate even the most reluctant reader, to heighten visualization, critical thinking, listening, and fluency in communication skills.



Learn to incorporate art and play into authentic literature by using puppets for story mapping, collaboration, and comprehension.

Workshop Objectives:

- to demonstrate how using puppetry is a valuable learning and teaching tool in the classroom to accomplish curriculum goals.
- to provide ideas and techniques for using puppets to teach specific literacy concepts and skills in a fun and authentic way.
- to model using puppets to create story maps and deepen character development to support literacy.
- to provide ideas for supplies and resources to create puppet models to use in the classroom.
- to show how puppetry can be used as a differentiation tool to support learners at all developmental levels

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Jean, a former teacher and school counselor, motivates educators and librarians to bring puppets to life.

About the artist:

Puppeteer Jean Kuecher is producer of the Marionette Playhouse and has delighted audiences since age 10. With a Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education and Masters' degree in Education: Counseling and Guidance, she brings unique expertise and insight to her craft. As a teacher she used puppetry to enhance her classroom curriculum. As a school counselor she developed weekly marionette shows on self-awareness themes. Her ability as a marionette builder, scriptwriter, costume and scene designer, and master performer combine to create presentations that entertain, educate, and stir the imagination. Jean's puppetry training workshops for educators are motivating and fun, while sharing skills that increase literacy!