

# **Green Screen** **Adventures**

**Inspire Your Students.  
Watch their writing come to life – on TV and the Web!!**

**Green Screen Adventures** (GSA) is a national children's TV series that promotes literacy by featuring the stories, reports, essays, and poetry of elementary school students. Their work is adapted and performed by an ensemble of actors, or read by the children themselves. GSA provides something that educators can't necessarily replicate in school setting. It gives students a real world connection to their writing beyond the classroom and a way to see the impact of their work on TV and the web. Utilizing humor as a learning tool, GSA sparks enthusiasm for writing through story theatre, songs, game shows, and puppetry.

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**BRING THE CREATIVITY OF GREEN SCREEN ADVENTURES  
INTO YOUR CLASSROOM**

**FOOD FOLKS - SOCK DRAWER DRAMAS - BOOK PUPPETS**

## **HOW TO MAKE A BOOK PUPPET**

- 1) START BY TAKING AN OLD BOOK
- 2) MAKE YOUR BOOK "TALK"
  - a. Take about a yard (36 inches) of yarn or string.
  - b. Tape or glue one end of the yarn under one side of the book cover, near the front. Do the same with the opposite end of yarn under the opposite side of the book cover. When you pull up on the string, your book cover will move and 'talk'.
- 3) HELP YOUR BOOK "SEE"
  - a. Create eyes. Take two ping ball balls, googly eggs, cotton puffs, plastic eggs, pom-poms, or marshmallows. Glue to the top flap of the book cover.
  - b. Paint small, dark pupils in the center to make the eyes realistic.
- 4) GIVE YOUR PUPPET PERSONALITY
  - a. To create teeth, cut small makeup sponges or take cotton pads or mini-marshmallows. Glue to the bottom of the top front cover to give your Book Puppet a mouth.
  - b. Add feathers, pipe cleaners, or yarn for hair.

Your students can create puppets individually or in groups. When the book puppets are complete, students can use them to 'read' their book reports or reading response journals to the entire class. It is an excellent way to help children become comfortable with public speaking because all eyes are focused on the "talking" book puppet.

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