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

FOOD FOLKS - SOCK DRAWER DRAMAS - BOOKWORM PUPPETS

HOW TO MAKE A BOOKWORM PUPPET

- 1) START WITH A MISMATCHED SOCK
- 2) MAKE YOUR SOCK “TALK”
 - a. Put your thumb in the heel of the sock and your fingers in the toe area. Think of the heel of the sock as the lower jaw of your puppet.
 - b. When operating your puppet, open its “mouth” with every syllable you speak. Often folks have the instinct to close the puppet’s mouth on each syllable, but it looks more realistic if you do it the other way.
- 3) HELP YOUR BOOKWORM PUPPET “SEE”
 - a. Create eyes. Take two halves of plastic eggs, ping ball balls, googly eggs, cotton puffs, or pom-poms. Glue them to the top of your sock puppet. Hot glue works quite well.
 - b. Paint small, dark pupils in the center of each eye 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 interior top of the sock’s mouth.
 - b. Add pipe cleaners to create the antennae.
 - c. Be creative! Add yarn, feathers or glitter to make it your own.

Your students can create puppets individually or in groups. When the bookworm 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” bookworm puppet.

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