



# DECEMBER NEWSLETTER: THEATRE WITH MS. HAYES



## THIS MONTH IN THEATRE...

This month, students at P.S. 748 have been learning that it takes a village to create a theatre production, and that a lot goes on behind the scenes to bring a story to the stage. In Kindergarten and 1st grade, students have been using their imaginations to act as objects, animals, and people within various settings and stories. The 2nd graders performed their puppet shows for a live audience and got to experience the joy of being on stage as a part of a production. In 3rd grade, students designed maps of a theater using theater vocabulary. 4th graders began to explore the foundations of musical theater and the role of a choreographer, while 5th graders have been creating props to enhance their vignette play.

## WAYS CHILDREN CAN ENGAGE WITH THEATRE AT HOME

- Play charades or "Heads-up!"
- Watch a movie musical
- Engage with Disney's online educational resources that accompany their Broadway musicals such as Frozen, The Lion King, and Aladdin
- Draw a character, cut it out and use it as a puppet to retell a story in their own words

## HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

I want to wish you and your family a wonderful winter break and holiday season. I look forward to working with these wonderful students when we return in the the New Year.

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## THANK YOU!

Thank you to the 2nd grade families who attended the 2nd Grade Puppet Shows! It was wonderful to see so much support for our students!

## KINDERGARTEN

### This month we...

Used our gestures and facial expressions to act out different environments.

### Soon we will...

Explore narrative pantomime.

## 1ST GRADE

### This month we...

Learned strategies for acting out a story as a small group.

### Soon we will...

Compare and contrast different cultural versions of a fairytale.

## 2ND GRADE

### This month we...

Performed our puppet shows on stage!

### Soon we will...

Develop original stories using the elements of plot.

## 3RD GRADE

### This month we...

Designed theater maps using “parts of a theater” vocabulary.

### Soon we will...

Understand the role of an ensemble in a play.

## 4TH GRADE

### This month we...

Took on the role of a choreographer by developing choreography for a musical theater number.

### Soon we will...

Practice our musical theater piece.

## 5TH GRADE

### This month we...

Created props to enhance our scene-work.

### Soon we will...

Use acting techniques to combine our scenes into a full-length play.