

Puppetry in the Classroom

How puppetry can enhance
education and communication
U.N. SDG #4



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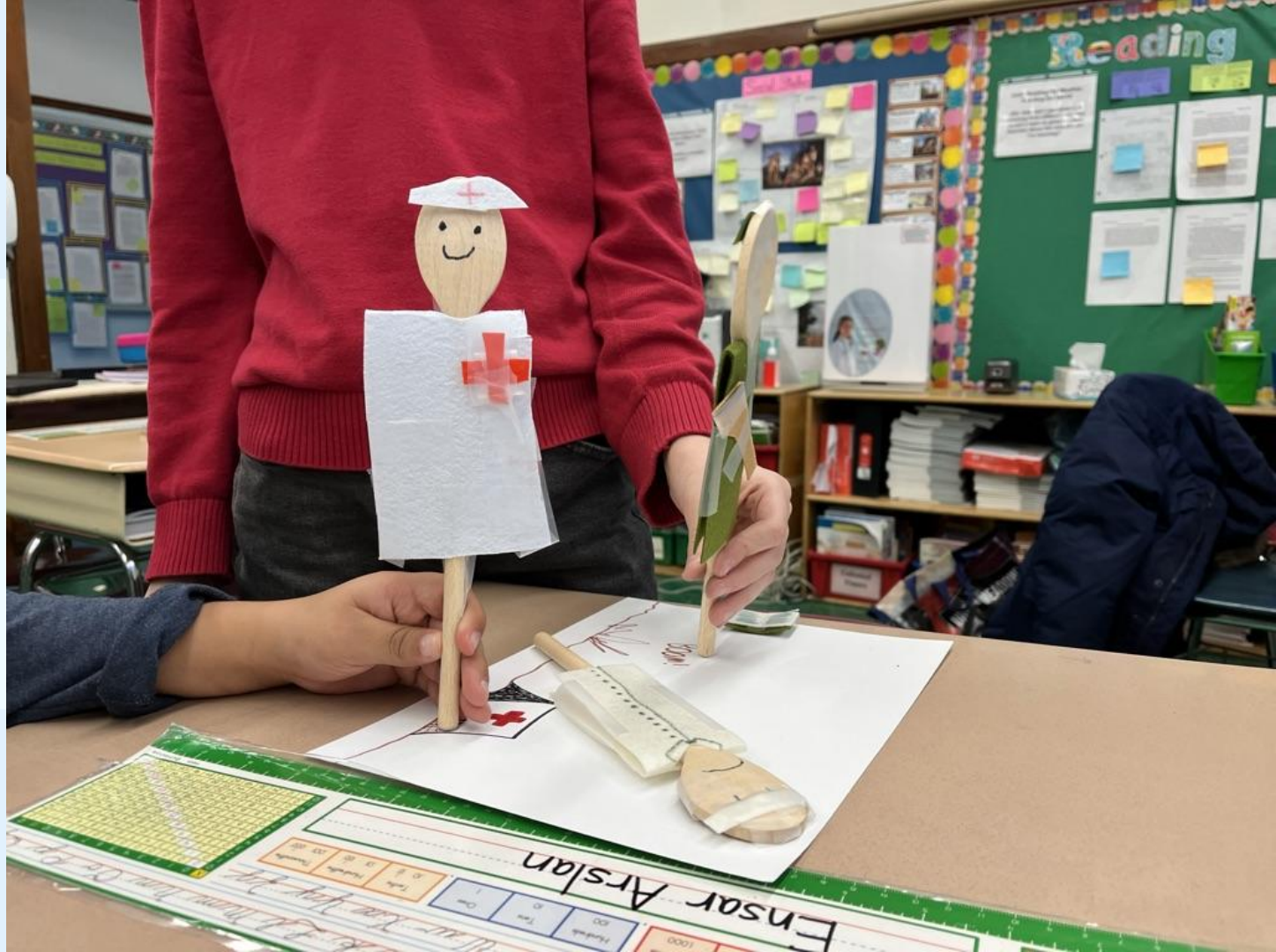


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PUPPET THEATER PLAY

Kids love to perform!



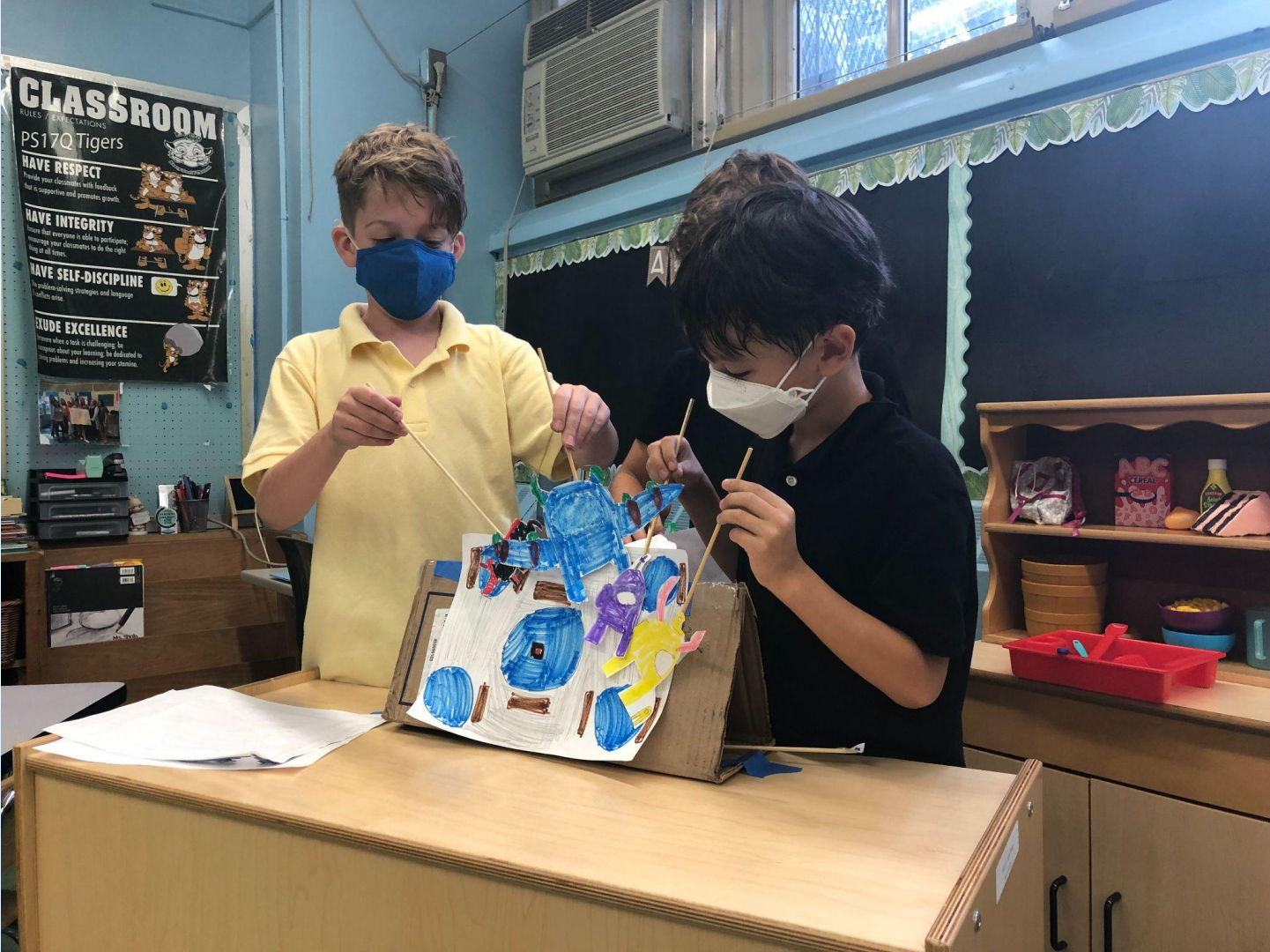














BENEFITS of PROGRAM



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THEATER

Basic theater terms, acting, storytelling skills

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ART

Create art using different materials and techniques

03

CONFIDENCE

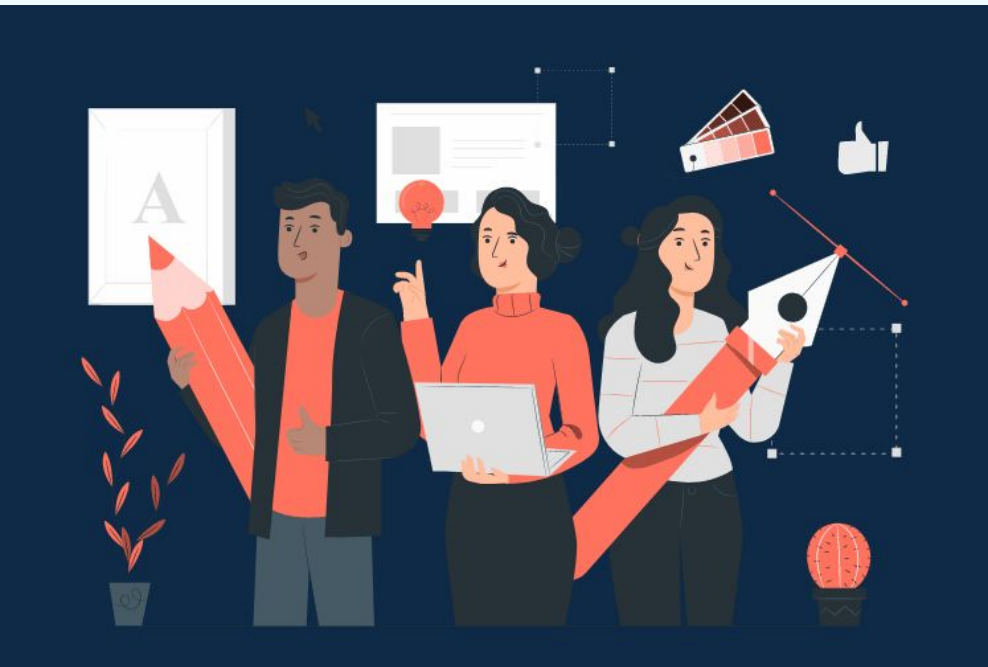
Boosts public speaking skills and teamwork

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WRITING

Writing, directing, improvisation





02

PUPPETRY FOR TEACHERS

Puppetry as a tool in the
classroom




Making Connections Through Puppetry



A pink pig puppet with a large circular opening on its side, two small eyes, and a snout, hanging from the top right corner.

"Puppetry is a tool
that can enhance any
lesson plan."

A black cat puppet with a large circular opening on its side, two small eyes, and a snout, hanging from the bottom left corner.

"Puppetry is
more likely to
succeed when it
is done well."

- **Lindsey 'Z.'**
Briggs

Creator, Making Connections
Through Puppetry





W/ Puppet Come to

Noticing Objects / People in the Room
Things / Puppets

→ Puppet had own personality

→ Creating Relationships

→ ... when we let go and

attention to detail

transforming into p

lessons of

in life

(for silence)



Selections from Lessons



The Puppet is a Peer

- Not an administrator, a teacher, a therapist, a parent
- It is a friend

The Goal is to Nurture a Relationship

- Animal puppets can be a wonderful ice breaker.
- Talking is optional
- Small movements
- Immediate second chances
- Place of importance in the classroom or home
- Creating a routine of care
- Established relationship = motivation.





03

CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

Proving the link with science!





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Classroom Pet Curriculum







**Thank
you!**

