Introduction to Drama

Grade Level:

K-2

Subject:

Theater

Objective:

Students will be introduced to the basic elements of drama and create short, improvised scenes.

Materials:

Prompt cards with different scenarios or characters

Class Time:

45 minutes

National Core Arts Standards Alignment:

TH:Cr1.1.1a: Propose potential choices characters could make in a guided drama experience.

TH:Cr2.Ka: With prompting and support, interact with peers and contribute to a dramatic play or a guided drama experience.

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Procedure:

- 1. Introduce students to the basic elements of drama, including characters, setting and plot.
- 2. Provide prompt cards with different scenarios or characters (e.g., "Lost in the jungle," "A magical creature").
- 3. In small groups, instruct students to choose a prompt card and create a short, improvised scene based on the given scenario or character.
- 4. Encourage students to use expressive movement, vocal projection and basic storytelling techniques.
- 5. Allow time for groups to practice and perform their improvised scenes.

Cross-Curricular Extensions

Visual Arts and Literacy:

After reviewing the posters of favorite (and school-appropriate)
movies, have students create the "movie poster" for the improvised
scene/story they performed/told.

Differentiations and Adaptations:

 Offer prompt cards that are only pictures. Provide sentence starters or templates to help students structure their improvised scenes.
 Offer additional time for practice and support during performances.