

Teacher's Note

- Help students make small groups. Ensure boys and girls are evenly distributed.
- Students should obtain a story book about their play and carefully read it together to make sure all characters are written down and acted out. After all, where would Snow White be without prince charming?
- Ensure everyone is happy with the play they choose as a group.
- Ask students to write the characters on a piece of paper and the names of the actors behind the character. If more actors in a group then required ask them to be the stage manager or director, in order to help them feel important and to give them confidence.
- Make sure no one is left out or feeling useless.
- Each student is to gain confidence and enjoyment from working together as a group.
- Explain to the students that their play must only last 10 minutes at the most. This is so all the short plays can be acted out within a reasonable time frame.
- Costumes are not necessary but if simple dress-ups are available by all means use them.
- Make sure students speak clearly and loud enough. Papa bear in Goldilocks would not be apart of the play with a squeaky voice.
- The play is all about communicating and working together. It will help to boost confidence and apart from that, acting is an art.

Suggested Activities:

- ❖ If talent is shown in the class, why not put on an evening of short plays for parents and friends.
- ❖ Visit a theatre. Ask for a tour back stage to view what goes on behind the scenes. It might instil a passion for acting in one of your students.
- ❖ The Beatles were a huge success in their day and still are very popular with a lot of people. The Beatles are one example of a very popular group who not only had to sing but perform (act) in front of huge audiences. Explain to your students that acting can be very useful if they want a career in dancing, singing or the like. Visit the Beatles web site with your students.
- ❖ Visit: <http://www.sonic.net/~custom/beat.html>

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