




Workshop Objectives

- Define effective Circle Time
- Buy-In
- Understand 5 components of music program
- Integrate music across curriculum
- Learn songs, transitions & puppetry strategies
- Have Fun with Circle Time & Puppets





What Is Circle Time?

- Structured group learning experience
- Builds community
- Integrates music, movement & academics
- Encourages full participation

Average Circle Time Flow

- Hello Song
- Attendance & Names
- Alphabet / Numbers
- Weather / Days
- Transition Song
- Story
- Goodbye Song



Essential Circle Time Songs

- Criss Cross Applesauce (Transition Song)
- Hello Song
- 5 Little Ducks
- Itsy Bitsy Spider
- Little Red Caboose
- Rock-A-Bye Your Bear
- Goodbye Song



If You Can't Sing...

- Try "Talking Blues"
- Use simple tech support
- Play a basic instrument
- Use a puppet mascot



Why Use Puppets?

- Build social skills
- Encourage emotional expression
- Support literacy
- Improve behavior management
- Increase engagement
- They're FUN!

Educational Puppetry Goals

- Reinforce ELA, Math, Science, Social Studies
- Strengthen communication
- Increase motivation
- Support behavior regulation



Core Puppeteering Skills

- Puppet Posture
- Eye Contact (Focus)
- Mouth Action
- Duration
- Lip Sync
- Rhythm & Articulation





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