

Casey's creative connections

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Art. Dance. Drama. Movement. Photography and Yoga.

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Drama Kings and Queens! Using Creative Drama to enhance early literacy.

Who can use Creative Drama

- **Everyone!**

What to Dramatize

- Songs and Chants
- Poetry
- Feelings/Emotions
- Books and Stories
- Vocabulary
- Scenarios-What would you do? What happened?
- People, places and things
- Fairy Tales, Folk tales and poetry

When and Where to use Creative Drama

- Circle time/Story time
- Dramatic Play Center
- Outside
- Parent events- "informance"
- Create a "stage" and theater

Why use Creative Drama

- Builds confidence
- Self expression
- Kinesthetic connection to literacy concepts
- Reinforce story elements
- Cooperation
- Introduces "book language" and expressive reading skills
- Builds language fluency and vocabulary
- Utilizes imagination and emphasizes higher order thinking skills
- Enhances story comprehension

How to use Creative Drama in the Early Childhood classroom

Begin leading students in dramatizing familiar stories, scenarios first.

Dramatic Play center

Include **books** with costumes and related props for improvisation

Costumes and Props

Allow students to create their own props and costumes for the dramatic play center after reading stories.

Puppet Center

Create and include books with related puppets and masks for dramatization.