

Grade Level Focus

Theatre Has a Rich History in California

What are the storytelling traditions of the cultures of California?

Developmental Stage

Fourth grade students understand conflict and resolution. They can look at situations from different points of view. They are reading more fluently and they have a better able to imagine different times and places in the past, present and future.

At this age, social groups are forming and children are sensitive to peer pressure and cultural differences.

Practices we use in drama activities:

- Using theatre skills to create character
- Using theatre skills to explore dramatic structure in stories
- Connecting to history and culture through theatre
- Exploring conflicts through improvisation
- Discovering and applying multiple solutions to dramatic conflicts
- Creating dialogue for characters
- Demonstrating ability to articulate in front of an audience
- Developing empathy through cooperative work