

## 3RD GRADE THEATRE CURRICULUM Grade Level Focus

# Theatre Helps Us Understand the World Around Us

*How can theatre help us to understand our world?*

### Developmental Stage

Students in grade three are developing greater control of their fine motor skills. They can separate movement hemispheres (left/right, cross axis movement). They are curious and love to learn. They can sort and organize objects and ideas, lead and follow directions. They can follow rules in a group.

In their emotional development, these children love to please. It is an age where they still feel an omnipotence, a sense of being the center of their universe, and they have a sense of urgency about their needs. They are emotionally expressive and recognize the cause and effect in their interactions. In other words, they have a growing sense of agency or empowerment. They begin to be able to critique their own artwork and that of others.

### Practices we use in drama activities:

- Resolving conflict through improvisation
- Showing cause and effect through improvisation
- Identifying universal characters and themes in stories
- Portraying a variety of characters
- Critiquing one's own work as well as that of others
- Expressing a variety of emotions
- Demonstrating ability to project voice
- Developing the ability to work independently in cooperative groups