Educator’s Guide to Puppet Pals Lesson

Overview:
This lesson uses Puppet Pals Directors Pass on the iPad2 to record kindergarten students stating their name and speaking a complete sentence.

Grades and Subject Areas:
Pre-school and Kindergarten

Objectives:
● Students will state their name and a complete sentence.

I Can Statements:
● I can say my first and last name clearly.
● I can say a complete sentence which tells about something that I like to do.
● I can use my fingers to bounce my puppet up and down on the iPad screen as I am speaking.

Curriculum Connections:
FNSBSD Core Learner Objectives:
Comprehension and Collaboration:
A. Using a gradual release of responsibility model, students will:
   ● participate in collaborative conversations with a variety of partners about kindergarten or grade 1 topics and texts with peers and adults in small and larger groups

Presentation and Knowledge of Ideas:
A. Using a gradual release of responsibility model, students will:
   ● Describe familiar people, places, things and events and with prompting and support, provide additional detail
   ● Verbally express ideas and their needs
   ● Speak audibly and express thoughts feelings, and ideas clearly
Alaska Content Standards:
Technology:
D. A student should be able to use technology to explore ideas, solve problems, and derive meaning. A student who meets the content standard should:

1) use technology to observe, analyze, interpret, and draw conclusions;
3) create new knowledge by evaluating, combining, or extending information using multiple technologies.

ISTE Student Standards:
1. Creativity and Innovation
Students demonstrate creative thinking, construct knowledge, and develop innovative products and processes using technology. Students:
b. communicate information and ideas effectively to multiple audiences using a variety of media and formats

5. Digital Citizenship
Students understand human, cultural, and societal issues related to technology and practice legal and ethical behavior. Students:
b. Exhibit a positive attitude toward using technology that supports collaboration, learning, and productivity.

ISTE Teacher Standards:
1. Facilitate and Inspire Student Learning and Creativity
Teachers use their knowledge of subject matter, teaching and learning, and technology to facilitate experiences that advance student learning, creativity, and innovation in both face-to-face and virtual environments. Teachers:
a. promote, support, and model creative and innovative thinking and inventiveness

4. Promote and Model Digital Citizenship and Responsibility
Teachers understand local and global societal issues and responsibilities in an evolving digital culture and exhibit legal and ethical behavior in their professional practices. Teachers:
a. advocate, model, and teach safe, legal, and ethical use of digital information and technology, including respect for copyright, intellectual property, and the appropriate documentation of sources
b. address the diverse needs of all learners by using learner-centered strategies and providing equitable access to appropriate digital tools and resources

Technology Integration:
Hardware and Software Needs
iPad2 or higher with Puppet Pals Directors Pass.
VGA cord to connect iPad to multimedia projector

Tips and Tricks

This is essentially a teacher created activity using one iPad with kindergarten students. Parent or teacher aids would be helpful

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Although one can quickly edit photos, it might be easier to take photos of the students before the activity.

**Resources:**

**Handouts or Downloads**
- None

**Web resources**

Examples of how a teacher uses Puppet Pals
http://www.techchef4u.com/?p=1600

http://techchef4u.wordpress.com/2011/05/26/hot-apps-for-hots-puppet-pals/

**Lesson Plan**

**Prep Time:** 30 minutes - Use prep time to take individual pictures of students and to create puppets using the instructions below.

1. Add Actor Photos
   a. Click on **Camera** icon on your iPad
   b. Take a picture of each student. Position students so that you will get a head-to-toe picture.
   c. Click on the Puppet Pals app
   d. Click **Press to Start**.
   e. Click **Add Actor from Photo**.
   f. Click **Choose Existing Image**.
   g. Click **Camera Roll**.
   h. Select the picture.
   i. Pinch and twirl the picture to get the proper size for the puppet.
   j. Use your finger to “cut” around the outline of the puppet.
   k. If you are satisfied with the image, click **Accept**.
   l. Complete this process with each picture.

2. Create a backdrop photo
   a. Select a backdrop or add a backdrop

**Suggestion:** Work with your ITT to do the planning and setup of your first project. Also involve either a parent aid or a teacher aid.

**Time Needed for Lesson:**
About 20 minutes for a class of 8-12 kindergarten students.

**Directions:**

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1. Teacher will review the “I Can Statements” for the day.
   a. Ask each child to tell about something that they like to do. Give examples.
   b. Let students practice saying their name and explaining what they like to do.
   c. Remind them to speak loudly and clearly.
   d. Practice pinching and expanding their fingers as they speak. This will help them manipulate their puppet.
2. Teacher will review digital citizenship by explaining that students will say only nice things about themselves or others.
3. Creating the Plays
   a. Position students they can easily see projector screen or iPad. Position the first student to create a puppet play next so that the student can manipulate the puppet on the iPad.
   b. Open the Puppet Pals app
   c. Click Press to Start
   d. Find the first student in the My Actors pane.
   e. Click on the picture.
   f. Click Next
   g. Navigate to the Backdrop and select it.
   h. Click Next
   i. Let the student practice by moving the puppet and stating name and sentence.
   j. Prompt the student to move the puppet and speak when the record button is pushed.
   k. Tap the Record button.
   l. When the student is done speaking, press the white square Stop button.
   m. Click the Download button.
   n. Type a title, such as student name.
   o. Click Save.
   p. The next screen is a prompt to show the play immediately.
      i. Tip – Click No and show all of the plays at the same time.
   q. Click Back twice to go back to the Actor screen.
   r. Click the previous student to unselect the picture
   s. Click the picture of the next student and complete the process again.
4. Showing the Plays
   a. Navigate to the main Puppet Pals screen
   b. Click Saved Shows
   c. Scroll down to find the student shows and play each individually

**Extension/Challenge:**

- Include two or three students in one play.
- Students can create their own artwork as backdrops.
- Students can create masks for puppets.