

5-day Act2Learn Theatre Production Residency - Activity Description

Advance Preparation

- Meet with residency organizer to develop the theme of the residency, introduce the Act2Learn lesson plans, customize the residency to the school and community (may happen by phone for schools outside of Calgary)
- parent team gathers some of the prop materials
- school organizer works with Trickster residency manager over a 2 month period to develop the theme, class presentation styles, scheduling, and parent involvement structure
- teachers are able to use Act2Learn lesson plans on the Act2Learn.org website

Residency Week

* please note that every day includes a minimum of 5 hours of work directly with students

Monday

- Assembly for entire school to introduce the company and the process
- Workshops with all classes to explore the use of the prop and create physical vocabulary
- Set up of most of the curtains, lighting and sound before and after school
- Parent team assembled and work space organized

Tuesday

- Workshops with all classes to put the physical vocabulary in the context of the theme
- Classes work on story boards to create story structures
- Parent team helps with scripting, costuming and props

Wednesday

- Workshops with all classes to generate the dialogue and put the story ideas into final form
- More tech equipment set-up
- Parent team helps with scripting, costuming and props

Thursday

- Workshops with all classes in morning to finalize script and movement
- Parent team helps with scripting, costuming, props, and the running of the tech rehearsal process
- Some of the classes have tech rehearsals
- All staging equipment finalized

Friday

- Balance of classes have tech rehearsals in the morning
- Performance with student audience in afternoon
- Performance for parents in evening
- Strike all equipment

After the Residency

- Teachers use the residency processes to create performances for assemblies and concerts
- Teachers use Act2Learn lesson plans as desired in the classroom. They have access to the Act2Learn lesson plan website
- School is able to contact Trickster for on-going support