

iPads and the Common Core Standards

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Puppet Pals Tips and Information

- There are two different versions of the Puppet Pals app. One is free, and offers a limited number of backdrops and “actors.” The other version is the “Director’s Pass” and this provides more of a variety of actors and backdrops to choose from. Additionally, students may import their own pictures from their camera roll.
- You may want to limit students as to the number of characters and backdrops that they may use for their project. Otherwise, it is easy to become overwhelmed.
- Have students map out their ideas and dialogue on paper first. We like using storyboards for this purpose. (See the storyboard handout).
- When students record their voices, they can easily pick up background noise. You’ll want students to record in a quiet place.
- Once you start recording, you can’t go back and fix mistakes.



Uses

- Teach plot, summarize or retell story events.
- Create custom puppet images to explain a science or mathematical concept.
- Recreate historical accounts.
- Practice fluency and language skills.
- Create “social stories” with familiar backgrounds.
- Tell a story to explain a process (how-to stories).
- Create stories using the vocabulary words for the week.

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