



A sneak peek at Childsplay's production of:

The Cat in the Hat

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Adapted from the Book
by Dr. Seuss



2014-2015 National Tour
Recommended for Ages 3 and up
Preschool–Grade 4

The Story: From the moment his tall, red-and-white striped hat appears at their door, Sally and her brother know that the Cat in the Hat is the most mischievous cat they will ever meet. Suddenly a rainy afternoon is transformed by the Cat and his antics. Will their house ever be the same? Can the kids clean up before mom comes home? With some tricks (and a fish) and Thing Two and Thing One, with the Cat in The Hat, the fun's never done!

Themes/Curricular Ties:

page to stage * rhyming * physical comedy *
imagination * play * literacy * cats * fish *
home alone * following rules * play time *
responsibility * creativity * rainy days * balancing

Questions to ask before seeing the production:

- 1) What do you know about *The Cat in the Hat*? Have you read the book? What are some pictures you remember seeing?
- 2) Have you ever stayed at home alone with a brother or sister? What did you do to stay busy?
- 3) What does it mean to be responsible?
- 4) What are the rules in your house? What are the rules in your classroom? What happens when rules are broken?

Questions to ask after seeing the production:

- 1) How was the play similar to the book? How was it different?
- 2) Who were the characters in the play? Where did the play take place? What was the big problem in the play?
- 3) At the end of the play, we hear "What would you do if your mother asked you?" If you had gone through a crazy day like that, would you tell your mom (or dad) all of the details? Why or why not?

Interesting Internet Links:

<http://pbskids.org/catinthehat/printables/>
-online activities connected to *The Cat in the Hat*
<https://www.earlymoments.com/Fun-Activities/The-Cat-in-the-Hat-Fun-Activities/>
-some *Cat in the Hat* printables
<http://www.biography.com/people/dr-seuss-9479638>
-*Dr. Seuss biography*

Books to Check Out:

The Cat in the Hat Comes Back by Dr. Seuss
One Fish Two Fish Red Fish Blue Fish by Dr. Seuss
The Rainbow Fish by Marcus Pfister
This Is Not My Hat by Jon Klassen
Hop on Pop by Dr. Seuss

Activities Connected to Arizona Common Core Standards

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Minute Activity

Using bodies, create a cleaning machine like the one the Cat used. One person starts by choosing a movement and a sound for their part of the machine. Then others add on one at a time becoming a different part of the machine. Place some objects around the room and work together to clean them up. See if you can start the machine up and then slow it down and stop.
Theatre: S1: C2: PO 102

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Minute Activity

Cat rhymes with hat and what else? Use the stripes in the Cat's hat to write down words that rhyme with cat. A good template can be found at http://printables.atozteacherstuff.com/download/seuss/hat_at.pdf or there are others to choose from at <http://printables.atozteacherstuff.com/1934/hat-printables-for-dr-seuss-cat-in-the-hat-or-just-hats/>. We know the cat's hat is red and white but color it however you want to! *AZ K.RF.2*, <http://www.corestandards.org/ELA-Literacy/RF/K/2/a>

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Minute Activity

The Things like to fly their kites. What shape is a kite? Practice drawing a diamond shape. Draw a big diamond on a piece of construction paper (or use this template http://www.nuttinbutpreschool.com/wp-content/uploads/2013/02/kite_coloring.png). Color it and add decorations and then cut it out. Use a string for the tail and add some bows. Hang on the wall or in a window.

For more extensive resources go to www.childsplayaz.org