Play to Learn

Puppets

What?

Making puppets with materials from around the house is a great way to be creative while also teaching children about reusing, recycling and repurposing everyday objects.

How?

Together, look around your house for items that could be used to make a puppet. Some ideas are:

- milk jugs/cartons
- fly swatter
- duster
- socks
- paper bag/plates
- wooden spoon
- paint brushes
- egg cartons
- buttons
- yarn/string
- pompoms
- pipe cleaners
- markers/paint

Decide how and what you will use to decorate (make it as simple or as elaborate and you'd like):

Why?

*encourages language development
*provides opportunities to create stories
*develops imagination and creativity
*nurtures empathy
*children are able to sort through their feelings and the stresses of life (like fears and worries)
*boosts confidence
*improves motor skills

Once your puppets are finished, have your child tell a story and follow their lead (eg. be the audience or participate in their play).