


Welcome to Kindergarten Puppet Magic: Meet Rulee and Archy



Every class deserves to have a wonderful puppet friend who can help them reflect on discipline and management issues. Meet Rulee, Diane Bonica's special helping giraffe, who has a permanent habitat in a tent next to the meeting area in her classroom. Rulee loves to listen to books and his job is to help keep the children safe. Check out the  video clip of Rulee in action and consider how responsive children are to imaginative puppet characters.

- Rulee changes outfits with the themes and seasons.
- Children love to write notes to Rulee: They treat him like an honored kindergarten friend.
- One child each day is responsible for bringing Rulee to the circle area and returning him to his home.

See Diane Bonica's award winning website at <http://www.ttsd.k12.or.us/Members/dbonica>

Mr. Kindergarten, California teacher Dan Gurney, also has a magical puppet in his classroom. From his awesome blogspot you can read more about Archy:

<http://misterkindergarten.blogspot.com/2007/11/popular-guy.html>.

"He has impulse control issues. He blurts, he shouts, he yodels. Yet he is my constant companion in the early weeks of kindergarten because he is remarkably discerning of his emotional life. He can describe his emotions with amazing accuracy.

"Archy comes to my rescue every time I need to navigate some treacherous emotional waters: stealing, not sharing, name calling, cutting in line, being afraid of snakes, cats, dogs, or frustration or discouragement." Consider finding an Archy for your kindergarten. For more details check out the awesome blog for Mister Kindergarten.

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