

FEBRUARY: GROUND HOG PUPPETS

- Description:** The students make ground hog puppets out of paper and popsicle sticks.
- Materials:** Worksheet: *Ground Hog Puppet Pattern*, page 211
Brown construction paper
Scissors
Glue
Popsicle sticks
Crayons, paint glitter, etc. (optional)
- Method:**
1. Reproduce the pattern on page 211 onto brown construction paper, one for each student. Make a few extras in case of errors.
 2. Give each student a copy of the puppet, a pair of scissors, a popsicle stick and glue.
 3. Instruct the students to cut around the edges of the puppet pattern and glue it to the stick, leaving enough of the stick free to manipulate the puppet.
- Variations:**
1. Have the students decorate the puppet with crayons, paint, glitter or wiggly eyes before gluing paper to stick.
 2. Reproduce the pattern twice for each student. The second pattern can be the "shadow".
 3. To incorporate bilateral coordination, reproduce the pattern a few times onto oak tag or cardboard and cut them out. Distribute them among the students and have them trace the patterns onto the brown construction paper, add details and decorations with crayons, and cut them out.
- Tip:** Suggest to the teacher that the class can make a "hole" for the groundhogs to appear out on February 2nd!
- Therapeutic Objectives:** Fine motor skills/cutting
Bilateral coordination
- Notes:**

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