

Thetford Elementary

School

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To whom it may concern:

The PuppeTree has done two programs at the Thetford Elementary School (K-6) this past year. The first was a shadow puppet performance of *The Legend of Sleepy Hollow*. Our students were totally engaged in this unique theater experience, and with the help of lesson plans posted on the PuppeTree website, we conducted classroom discussions in post-Revolutionary American history, American literature, and the culture and geography of the Hudson River Valley. We felt that *The Legend of Sleepy Hollow* was not only excellent entertainment, but also a valuable teaching tool.

We then invited Ann Legunn, director of the PuppeTree, to do a residency in puppet making at our after school program. Third through 6th graders learned to make very intricate—and professional looking—marionettes of their own character inventions. It was an exciting opportunity for these students to work one-one-one with an artist.

I would highly recommend the PuppeTree's programs for any school.

Sincerely,



Alice Thomason Worth, Principal