



The Ice Princess

RELAXED PERFORMANCE PRE-VISIT STORIES



PENNSYLVANIA SHAKESPEARE FESTIVAL

I am going to Pennsylvania Shakespeare Festival at the Labuda Center for the Performing Arts to see a play.



THE ICE PRINCESS

The play called *The Ice Princess* is about Gemma's adventures as she tries to return a white scarf she found in the forest to the Snow Queen.



PLAY

A play tells a story with actors talking, moving, or singing on a stage.

Acting out a story is pretend and may not be like the real world.

In the play, the people are acting out a story to figure out what to do when certain things happen.



MUSIC

The actors will play instruments during the play.

The actors will play a piano, guitar, drums, cymbal, and a melodica.



CYMBAL

The cymbal is an instrument that is made of metal, is flat and round, and gold colored.

The cymbal can make different sounds.

The sounds can be like crashing or ringing.

The sounds can be loud or soft.



MELODICA

The melodica is an instrument that looks like a tiny piano but the person playing the instrument blows into the instrument through a mouthpiece.



ACTORS IN THE AISLE

The actors will walk and run in the aisles and walkways during the play.

When an actor is in the aisles and walkways, I will remain sitting or standing where I am until the actors move past me.



SHADOWS

Shadows are spaces where light isn't able to shine through.

The shadow areas turn dark.

The actors will hold paper puppets in front of the light to show the shadows.

The paper puppets will tell a story.



FRIENDSHIP

The feelings of friendship can change in different situations.

Sometimes you are upset with your friend, and sometimes you feel happy about your friend.

Gemma and Kylan's feelings of friendship change during the play. When friendship feelings change, it doesn't mean you are no longer friends.

Gemma and Kylan are always friends.



SCARF

Gemma finds a white scarf with magical abilities.

When Gemma wears the scarf, she can turn anything into ice with her hands.

Gemma wants to return the scarf to the Snow Queen.



FREEZING

In the play, Gemma can freeze anything.

She freezes water.

She freezes Kylan.

Kylan is not the same fun person after Gemma froze him.

Gemma's love for Kylan, her SnowBro, will help to bring the fun loving Kylan back.



A CURSE

The troll had a curse put on him.

A curse is a magical spell that makes people do things they don't want to do.

A curse is not real, a curse is pretend.

The curse on the troll makes him talk with mixed up words.



CHASE SCENE

During the play, the actors are performing a chase scene. A chase scene is when the actors are running after each other to get the white scarf.

Gemma is trying to return the white scarf to the Snow Queen but being chased by the Robber family.

The Robber family wants the white scarf so they have the magical powers to freeze things.



END OF PLAY

When the play ends, all the actors will come out on the stage for a bow.

People will clap for the actors to show how much they liked the play.

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