

Mermaid Theatre of Nova Scotia's production of...

# The Very Hungry Caterpillar and Other Eric Carle Favorites

Welcome to *Beyond the Stage* for Students. This guide is designed to help you prepare for the performance of *The Very Hungry Caterpillar and Other Eric Carle Favorites*.

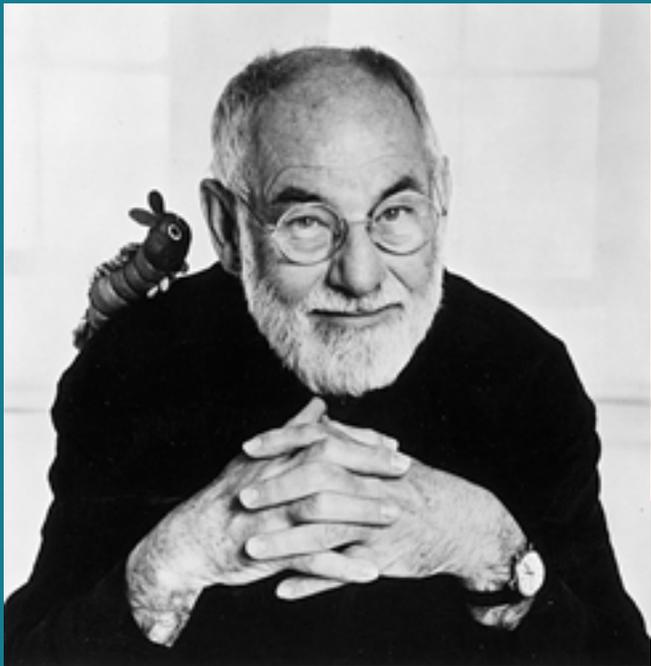
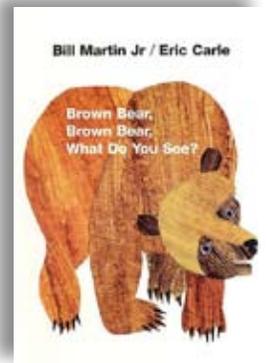
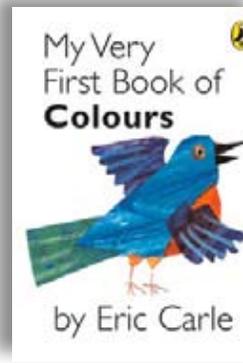
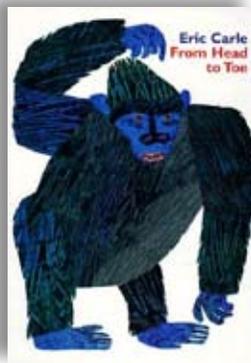
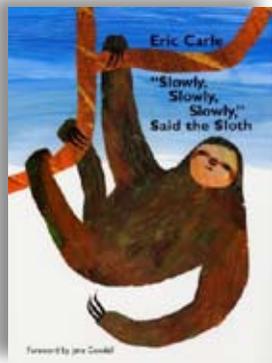
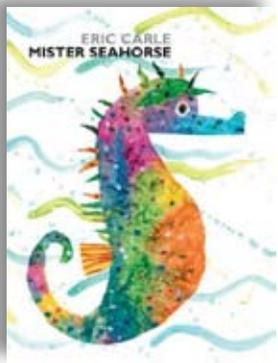
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# All About Mermaid Theatre

Mermaid Theatre is a group of performers who create and build their own puppets. They have been doing this for more than 35 years. The group uses creative designs, original music and books to help children become comfortable with reading and the performing arts. The theater company is from Nova Scotia, Canada and has toured all around the world. Children in Japan, Australia, Mexico, and other countries have enjoyed Mermaid Theatre's playful puppets.

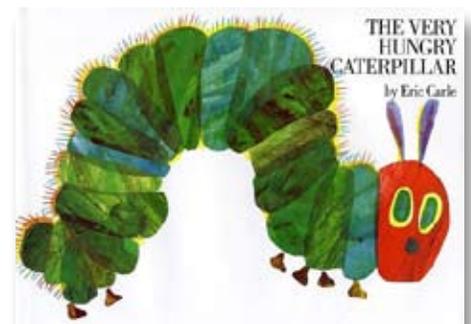


## And Eric Carle

Eric Carle was born in 1929 in New York. When he was six, he moved to Germany and went to school there until he was an adult. He returned to the United States and began writing and illustrating books for children.

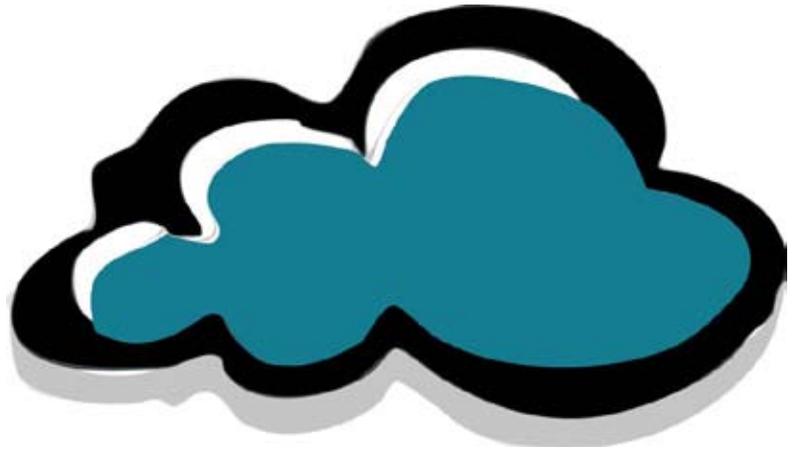
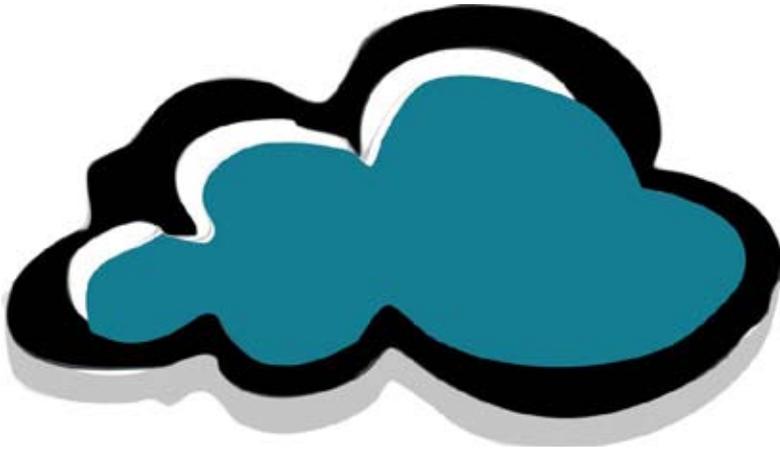
He has written more than 70 books. His books teach important lessons about life and nature. They have been translated into 25 different languages.

Mr. Carle illustrates his books using bright colors and textures. He sometimes cuts out parts of the pages. All of these things help make his books unique.



# Forecaster

Here is a picture of a cloud. Can you draw what might fall out of a cloud?  
Or what do you wish fell out of a cloud?



# Caterpillar Math

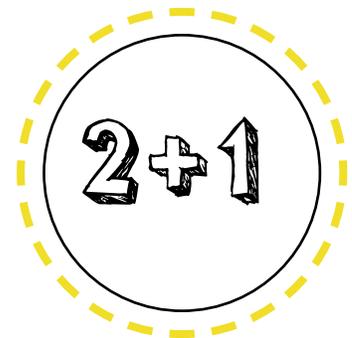
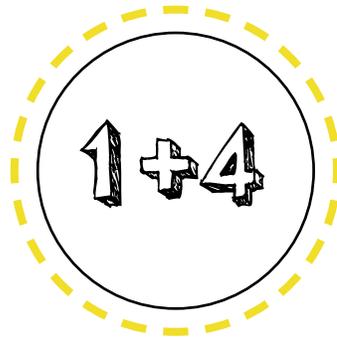
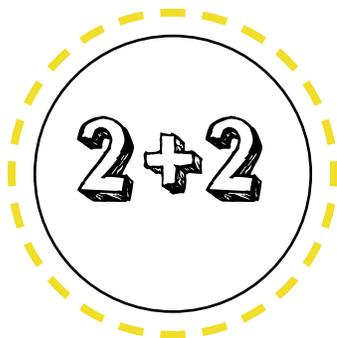
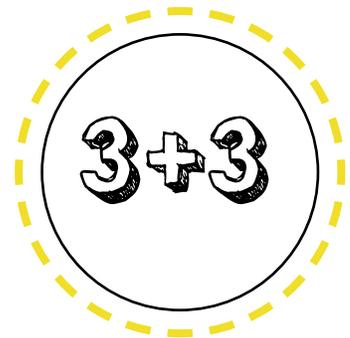
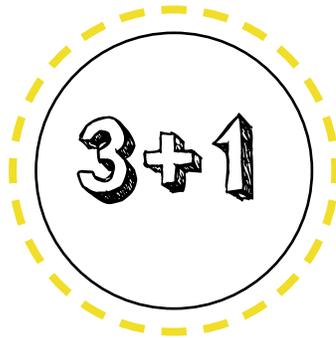
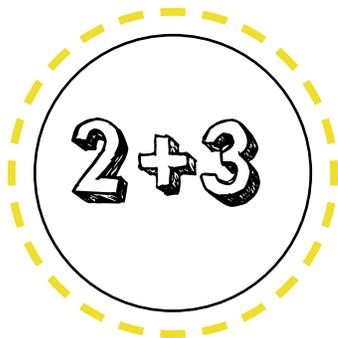
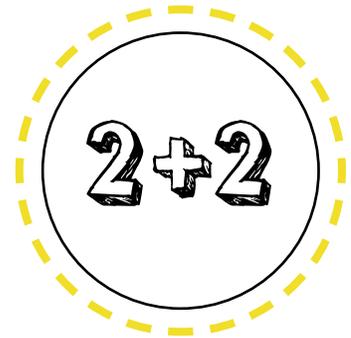
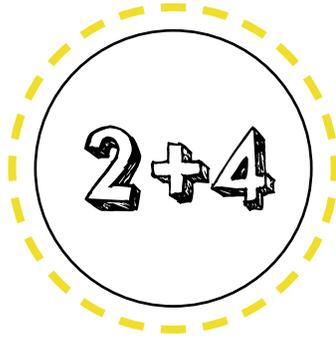
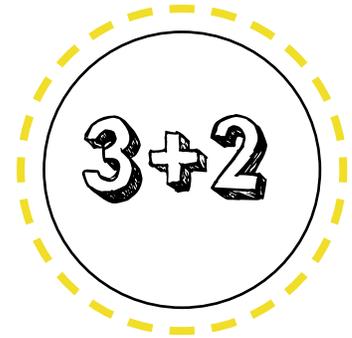
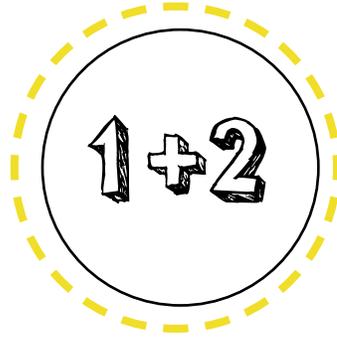
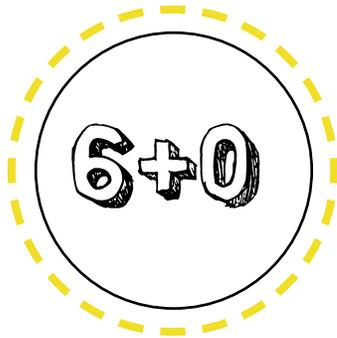
**Color the background and give the caterpillar a home!** Maybe there are trees or a radio? Draw him on a beach or give him some shoes!

**Next, cut out the circles with math problems on them.** They are on the next page.

**Now, place the problems on top of the caterpillar's back over the correct answer!** Check out the example on page six. Good Job! But remember, practice makes perfect!



Cut out around each circle to create your game pieces!



Before you cut out the shapes, check out the example on the back!

**example:**

once the shapes are cut out, place the problems on the answer!



# The Animal in Me!

Draw a picture of yourself using parts of your favorite animal to create the animal in you!

**example:**

wings of a butterfly  
ears of a rabbit  
tail of a lion  
nose of a pig

or write about being your favorite animal!

**think about:**  
what you'd look like  
what you would eat  
where you would live

The animal I would change into is a \_\_\_\_\_ because.....

## Key



Actors



Audience



Clap



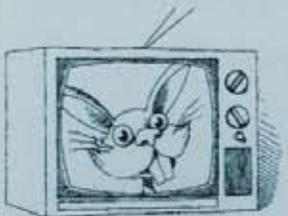
Laugh



Listen



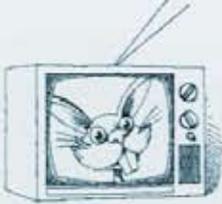
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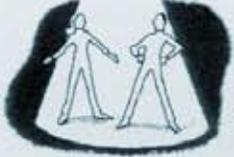


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# A Good Audience

When you  at a performance, it is different

from watching a  show. At a performance,

you are in the same room as the .

The  are affected by what you, the

, do.  can do their best when

the people in the   and  quietly.

 to the narrator tell the story.  at the

actors.  at the costumes and the props.

At funny moments, it is okay to . If you

enjoy the performance,

when it ends.



## Do you use a computer?

**Yes: check out these fun links!**

**No: ask someone to show you!**

### **Learn More and More about Butterflies!**

<http://www.primarygames.com/science/butterflies/butterflies.html>

### **Web Weather for Kids!**

<http://www.eo.ucar.edu/webweather/cloudhome.html>

### **Butterfly and Caterpillar Crafts!**

<http://www.enchantedlearning.com/crafts/butterfly>

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## More Eric Carle Books!

The Very Busy Spider

Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?

The Grouchy Ladybug

Papa, Please Get the Moon for Me

Rooster's Off to See the World

The Foolish Tortoise

The Very Lonely Firefly

"Slowly, Slowly, Slowly," said the Sloth

Walter the Baker

Chip Has Many Brothers

A House for Hermit Crab

Animals Animals

*You can find a complete list of Eric Carle's books at [www.eric-carle.com/books.html](http://www.eric-carle.com/books.html)*

# color me!

Then cut me out and post  
me in a window or bring me  
along to the performance at  
the Lied Center!



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