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Alphabet Keepers

A drama about a group of elves in the Land of Letters

In the world of this fantasy tale, a group of elves (played by the actor/teachers and the children) live in the Land of Letters. Their job is to travel about fixing broken books, letters and signs whenever they find they are in need of repair. They fix letters on signs that can no longer be read. They repair old picture books so that grown-ups and children can read them again. They write down alphabet letters so that people of the world will always remember how beautiful each one looks on a page.

One day a book magically appears in their workshop. This Book of Letters is filled with English language letters, but also includes all sorts of different alphabets from different countries such as China and Russia. As they puzzle over where this book might have come from, the Letter Lady (played by the classroom teacher) appears to them and tells them that the book is very important. It is known as the Book of Letters and contains all the written letter s of the world. If anything were to happen to it, all of the world's written words would disappear forever. She explains that she has just found out that the Wizard is looking to take the book away and destroy it, ruining books and letters everywhere. The Letter Lady asks the elves can protect the book by using words and letters. If they do this successfully, they will chase the Wizard away and keep the Book of Letters safe forever.



Dancing "S" words, making "T" statues and pictures, molding letters and words from pipe cleaners, are some of the tasks the elves use in order to thwart the Wizard and explore the importance of written language

