CAREER BRIEF

(Grades K-2) ACTOR



WHAT IS AN ACTOR?

Actors use their talents to bring characters to life in television, theatre, movies and animation.

WHAT DO ACTORS DO?

- An actor uses their voice, body and actions to bring a character to life.
- By pretending, an actor tries to show the audience that their character is real.
- An actor helps tell a story by playing a character.

*Fun Fact: 11 actors have played Superman with the first being Bud Collyer in 1940, starring in Adventures of Superman radio show.

EDUCATION

- Some actors learn and develop their performing talents in school/college or theatre programs.
- Students can take classes in drama, dance or music to prepare for a career in acting.

TRAINING

- Many actors get help from a drama coach to help them perfect their skills.
- Actors may need to learn a new skill to play their character (sing, dance, play a sport).
- Many student actors participate in school plays or local theater productions to develop their skills.

SKILLS

- Strong speaking skills.
- Creative skills and using your imagination.
- Memorization skills.

