



# Family Care Eduvision

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community.”**

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<http://elixirmime.com/>

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## Elixir Mime Workshop at CHIP Diwali Camp, November 18-21, 2012

We held an acting/mime workshop at a CHIP school, which is an organization that is dedicated to improving the educational standard of needy schools. We are presently working on a long-term project with them to include drama as a part of their curriculum.

We have found that storytelling through drama/mime is a very effective way to boost children’s communication skills, especially those with low self-esteem due in part to their economic and social challenges. We encourage the children to create and perform their own stories as well as learning from classic tales. There is a great potential for expanding this dramatic arts course throughout India. If you are interested in helping us to develop this program, please contact us.



*Teaching children about story structure—the character arc*



We use various exercises to reinforce vital acting skills, such as rhythm with drums, concentration by throwing balls, and teamwork and balance by using sticks.



**One of our talented and expressive Hindi translators explaining an important acting concept.**



*Please let us know if you would like to help in any way with our community projects. Thank you very much!  
Please contact us at e-mail: [new2mailbox@yahoo.com](mailto:new2mailbox@yahoo.com)*



Stick exercises to teach teamwork and coordination. Acting is a lot about working well with your fellow actors.



Peter acting as a fox in a folk tale to teach characterization.



We had the students each bring an object that was special to them from which they could use as the basis of a story. To the left we are acting out the story of the Turtle and the Rabbit. Of course the Turtle won the trophy prize. The photo on the right was a gift that the student had received from her father. We acted out the gift giving occasion.



Using hats and costumes to tell a story. Here is the Kooky Chef creating a culinary masterpiece with mime.



Teachers give students individual mentoring to encourage them to improve their acting/communication skills.