The Elves and Young Stu Baker

STEM CONNECTIONS
Technology: Creative Communication
Engineering: Defining Problems and Developing Solutions
Math: Counting & Cardinality

DURATION
60 Minutes Lesson

MATERIALS
- 12 Fabulously Funny Folktale Plays by Justin McCory Martin
- Build Books
- BrickLAB Bricks

SCHEDULE
- Folktale Theater (20 min)
- Lawn Mower Build (15 min)
- Engineering Challenge (20 min)
- Extensions - optional
- Wrap Up (5 min)

OBJECTIVE
Follow the map to the treasure of hard work with a table reading of The Elves and Young Stu Baker!
ALIGNED STANDARDS
• ISTE-S.6.b Students create original works or responsibly repurpose or remix digital resources into new creations.
• NGSS K-2-ETS1-1 Ask questions, make observations and gather information about a situation people want to change to define a simple problem that can be solved through the development of a new or improved object or tool.
• NGSS K-2-ETS1-2 Develop a simple sketch, drawing or physical model to illustrate how the shape of an object helps it function as needed to solve a given problem.
• CCSS.MATH.CONTENT.K.CC.B.5. Count to tell the number of objects.

21ST CENTURY SKILLS
• Creativity and Innovation
• Initiative and Self-Direction
• Social and Cross-Cultural Skills

HABITS OF MIND
• Creating, Imagining, Innovating
• Finding Humor
• Listening with Understanding and Empathy

DAILY PREP
Read through today’s play, review The History of the Tale and Vocabulary Boosters found on pg. 55 and prepare to distribute Build Books and BrickLAB Bricks.
FOLKTALE THEATER
Welcome to the tenth day of Magic Beans Camp! Turn to pg. 50 of 12 Fabulously Funny Folktale Plays and prepare to do a table reading of The Elves and Young Stu Baker. For a full production of the play, you’ll need 7 actors:

- Narrator (1)
- Stu’s Dad (1)
- Stu Baker (1)
- Stu’s Mom (1)
- First Elf (1)
- Second Elf (1)
- Third Elf (1)

BUILD
Use the Lawn Mower Build Plans and BrickLAB bricks to assemble a grass-cutting army!

ENGINEERING CHALLENGE
Once every blade has been chopped, challenge campers to create an object inspired by The Elves and Young Stu Baker or to replicate the Elf Hat and Video Game Controller Builds found following the step-by-step build.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS EXTENSION
On p. 55 of 12 Fabulously Funny Folktale Plays you’ll find clever Writing Prompts. Use these to enhance the magic of writing!

STEAM EXTENSION
Put on a production of The Elves and Young Stu Baker! Can campers think of any way to expand the play by adding more chores to Stu’s to-do list?

WRAP UP QUESTIONS
- What chores do you do at home? Are any of them fun?
- What were the chores Stu’s parents asked him to do? (Mow the lawn, clean the litter box and pick up his room.)

For more comprehension questions, check out the Discussion Starters on p. 55 of 12 Fabulously Funny Folktale Plays.
Lawnmower
Build Plans

Materials

12 2x2 bricks
6 2x3 bricks
13 2x4 bricks

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3

2

2x4 bricks

2x3 bricks

4

5

2x2 bricks

5

2x2 bricks

2x4 brick

1

2x2 bricks

CURRICULUM SAMPLE
ELF HAT & VIDEO GAME CONTROLLER
Challenge Builds

Materials

4 2x2 bricks
15 2x3 bricks
16 2x4 bricks

DAY 10: The Elves and Young Stu Baker

Materials

9 2x2 bricks
10 2x3 bricks
21 2x4 bricks