Talcott Mountain Science Center Topic Science & Magic

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Here's some information about the activities your student did with us. Links at the bottom will help you explore further. Enjoy!

What did we do (content, skills, data collection)?

We reviewed levitation,
We saw professional magicians' tricks
We focused on "gimmicks"
We practiced the tricks we've learned.

How did we do it (materials & methods)?

We re-did the meissner effect - the superconductor magnet demo.

We viewed clips from Harry Anderson's "The Science of Magic"

We worked with and figured out gimmicks - invisible string, linking rings, mirror boxes, rigged card decks, the magic stop light, thumb tips and silks, and the disappearing peanut butter and jelly jars.

Where can we find out more?

Links:

Meissner effect: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HRLvVkkq5GE

Penguin Magic (great wource for gimmicks): https://www.penguinmagic.com