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Lesson containing: Identifying Emotions, Donkey, Writing Dialogue

Based on the book “A Visitor For Bear”

Designed for 2nd Grade, 50 min.

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Student Objective:

- To use full body engagement to recall the story of Bear and Mouse.
- To use background knowledge to identify emotions of Bear in pictures from the story.
- To use full body engagement to create poses to represent each emotion identified.
- To write a line of dialogue to represent an assigned emotion.

Assessment of Student Objectives:

- Students will use sounds and gestures to answer questions about the setting, characters, conflict, and theme of Bear and Mouse’s story.
- Students will identify emotions Bear might be feel in pictures from *A Visitor for Bear*.
- Students will create and recall poses to represent emotions identified from *A Visitor for Bear*.
- Students will write dialogue that shows an assigned emotion that corresponds with a picture from *A Visitor for Bear*.

Teacher Objective:

- *To co-lead good morning song*
- *To lead student in identifying emotions within pictures of A Visitor for Bear.*
- *To lead Donkey activity.*
- *To help students with writing dialogue as necessary.*

Materials

Stat Sheet

A Visitor for Bear by Bonnie Becker

Copies of pictures from *A Visitor for Bear*, without words (6 per class)

Index cards to record emotions

Opening Ritual

Good Morning Song (5 min)

Objective: *To warm-up voice, body, and focus; to transition to CAT space.*

Classroom Teacher Role: Help lead the good morning song.

- Transition class to meeting area.
- Ask for three hand gestures for Hey!
- Use call and repeat to teach new song line-by-line with hand motions.

Che Che Kule
Che Che Kofi sa
Kofi sa langa
Langa shi langa
Kum Aden Nde
Kum Aden Nde
Hey!

Intro Activity

Recall Bear and Mouse's Friendship (5 min)

Objective: *To use full body engagement to review the story of Bear and Mouse; to identify how Bear changed within the story.*

Classroom Teacher Role: Support Actor-Teacher in recall, prompting sound & gesture.

- Use questions about story of Bear and "Let's all say/do" to recall story. Some possible questions:
 - Who was the main character of the story we've been telling?
 - How did Mrs. Bear feel about other animals?
 - What did Mrs. Bear want?
 - What did the Mouse want?
 - How did Mouse change Bear's mind?

Main Activity

Identifying Emotions (10 min)

Objective: *To use background knowledge to identify emotions of Bear in pictures from the story*

- Actor-Teacher asks students some of the emotions Bear might have felt within the story.
- Classroom Teacher shows students pictures one at a time and uses questions to prompt students to identify emotions in the picture.
- Some possible questions:
 - What do you think Bear is feeling?
 - Why do you think that?
 - What is Bear doing in the picture?
 - What emotion would Bear be feeling if that's what she's doing?
- Classroom Teacher prompts students to create Frozen Pictures of the emotions that they choose for each picture.

Donkey (10 min)

Objective: *To use full body engagement to create poses to represent each emotion identified; to recall these poses throughout the game as prompts are called out.*

Classroom Teacher Role: Lead Donkey.

- Classroom Teacher gives step-by-step instructions for how the game of Donkey will work
 - Note: You can adjust the “freeze” prompt to another word.
- Classroom Teacher prompts students to freeze in still pictures of emotions, one at a time, having students practice each pose before adding a new one.
- Classroom Teacher leads game of Donkey.
 - Play with repetition and speed of prompts.
 - Optional: Add sound to poses.

Write Dialogue (15 min)

Objective: *To write a line of dialogue to represent the emotion of an assigned picture.*

Classroom Teacher Role: To support students writing dialogue as necessary.

- Classroom Teacher transitions students back to desks after game.
- Actor-Teacher explains that students will write dialogue for the picture their table is give.
 - This line (or few lines) of dialogue must clearly show how Mrs. Bear feeling in the picture. If she is angry, the dialogue must show she is angry.
- Actor-Teacher reminds students to write from Bear’s perspective using the word “I”.
- Students complete dialogue writing.
- As time allows, students share the dialogue they wrote for Bear.
- Prompt class participation by having students recreate the pose that goes with the emotion and repeat line using “Let’s all say/do.”

Closing Ritual

Good Job, Good Job! (5 min)

Objective: *To celebrate our hard work and transition to the next thing.*

Classroom Teacher Role: Join in the goodbye song!

- Use call and repeat, one line at a time, to sing Good Job, Good Job!
Good job, good job, hey! Good job, good job, hey!
“G” – double “O” – “D” – “J – O – B”
Good job, good job, hey!
- Transition class focus back to Classroom Teacher.