

LIFE LESSONS

Anchor Literature

Readtopia novel
Aesop's Fables

Book Summary

A collection of three short stories:

- a tortoise believes he can win a race against a hare;
- two mice live different lives — one of simplicity and one of excess
- a mouse believes he can help a lion.

Author's Intention

To teach about fables or morals — life lessons of determination vs arrogance and laziness; appreciating what you have; and of mercy and kindness.

INSTRUCTIONAL ELEMENTS

Video Lessons

- Identify details and engage in collaborative discussion related to the main idea of a video presentation.

Interactive Read Aloud Lessons

All Lesson Types

- Engage in collaborative interactions about text.
- Identify details in a text that is read aloud.

Picture Walk

- Identify parts of illustrations that depict a particular setting, or event.
- Build understanding and make connections by describing and talking about illustrations.
- Demonstrate understanding while actively engaged in shared reading of stories.

Vocabulary

- Determine the meaning of words in a text
 - Literal meaning of words and phrases in context
 - Real-life connections between words and their use
 - Words that describe personal emotions

Print Referencing

- Build understanding of concepts about print including concept of letter names / sounds, words, capitalization, punctuation, and directionality.

Key Ideas and Details

- Identify words in a text to answer a question about explicit information
- Describe and discuss information about the characters, setting, and / or facts that are in the text.

Integration of Knowledge and Ideas

- Integrate knowledge, skills, and experiences with the information provided in the text.

English Language Arts Objectives

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Shared Reading Lessons

- Engage in collaborative interactions about text.
- Identify details in a text that is read aloud.
- Build reading / listening comprehension skills including:
 - Important background knowledge
 - Emergent literacy understandings
 - Expressive and receptive communication skills
 - Understanding and concepts of print

Informational Text Lessons

- Identify details that elaborate on an idea introduced in a text.
- Identify the main idea of a text and compare / contrast details or facts related to it.
- Identify words in the text to answer a question about explicit information.
- Use information found in visual elements and words in the text to answer explicit Wh– questions.
- Use information from visual elements and words in the text to answer questions about explicit information.

Predictable Chart Writing

- With guidance and support, participate in shared writing during which students:
 - Offer / choose word(s) (nouns and adjectives) to complete a simple sentence frame
 - Recognize that sentences begin with a capital letter and end with a period
 - Recognize that a sentence is written and read from left to right
 - Demonstrate emerging understanding of conventions of standard English
 - Identify the first and last letter of a word
 - Identify where one word ends and a new word begins
 - Recognize that there is a space between words
 - Identify the first and last word in a sentence
 - Arrange words in a logical order to form a complete sentence
 - Participate in creation of a text for the classroom library that can be re-read
 - Identify the front and back cover of a book
 - Select pictures to relate to the sentence created
 - Demonstrate understanding of how to turn the pages of a book when reading
- Read text comprised of familiar words with accuracy and understanding.

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Science Topics	Athlete Speed Use a bar chart to compare speed.
	Food Chain Watch a video and read an article to learn where plants and animals get their energy.
	Lions Learn some fantastic facts about lions.
	Muscles Watch a video and read an article to learn some fantastic facts about the muscles in our bodies.
Social Studies Topics	City vs Country Watch a video and read an article to compare characteristics of life in the city vs life in the country.
	Feeling Grateful Follow directions to think about things you are grateful for.
Text Types Taught	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Article with a Sidebar • Bar Chart • Compare • Directions • Fantastic Facts
Key Vocabulary Words (Content-specific)	athlete, energy, food chain, grateful, hare, muscle(s), predator, pride, tortoise

MATH

Math Objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Combine sets and count to add; Use single and double digit numbers to add. • Identify shapes that are the same; Sort shapes by number of sides or angles. • Sequence pictures using “before,” “during,” and “after;” Tell time to the hour, half hour, and minute.
Math Domains	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Addition • Geometry • Time
Math Vocabulary Taught	addition, after, angle, before, different, during, more, same, total

