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For Grade 1



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Preface

Handwriting Skills Builder for Grade 1, is a meticulously crafted resource designed to elevate and refine the writing abilities of young learners. This comprehensive guide is thoughtfully structured with an array of engaging activities and purposeful lessons tailored specifically to guide children from foundational writing to more proficient and controlled techniques. Geared towards first graders, this book focuses on enhancing letter formation, word construction, fine motor skills, and laying the groundwork for confident and clear handwriting.

Purpose of the teaching guide

The accompanying teaching guide for the English Handwriting Skills Builder for Grade 1 is expertly curated to equip educators with the essential tools, strategies, and resources needed to effectively teach handwriting to burgeoning learners. It provides educators with comprehensive guidance on introducing and reinforcing letter formations, shapes, and patterns tailored to the developmental stage of first-grade students. This guide encompasses detailed step-by-step instructions, innovative activities, and instructional methodologies aligned with principles of early childhood education, aiming to nurture fine motor skills, boost letter recognition, and foster overall handwriting proficiency.

Furthermore, it offers valuable insights into effective classroom management techniques, diverse assessment strategies, and engaging methodologies to actively involve children in enjoyable and interactive handwriting exercises suited to their developmental level. Ultimately, this teaching guide aims to empower educators in creating a dynamic and enriching learning environment that actively supports the cultivation of advanced writing skills in first graders.

Guidelines for Creating Teaching Resources:

Maintaining Resource Durability:

Ensure the longevity of resources by laminating alphabet flashcards featuring corresponding visuals (e.g., 'B' for ball) at the beginning of the academic year, facilitating year-long use and future reusability.

Protective Coverings:

Preserve seating charts, vocabulary displays, and other materials with durable plastic covers secured using tape or staples, ensuring sustained usability throughout the year.

Personalized Writing Tools:

Create individual mini whiteboards by cutting and laminating white card sheets at the onset of the school year, granting each child access to their own board for writing practice, encouraging engagement and active participation.

Alignment with Teaching Approaches:

The Grade 1 English Handwriting Skills Builder is designed in alignment with various teaching philosophies, emphasizing personalized learning and skill development. The Reggio Emilia method and its focus on individualized learning experiences are integrated into the curriculum to nurture independence and self-paced progress.

Effective Teaching Strategies and Classroom Implementation:

Facilitate comprehensive approaches to introduce and reinforce writing skills for first graders:

Sensory Integration:

Implement tactile activities like tracing letters in sand or exploring textured materials to aid letter recognition and formation.

Visual Aids:

Utilize visually engaging resources such as posters or flashcards featuring letters accompanied by familiar objects or scenes, enhancing memory retention.

Kinesthetic Learning:

Encourage movement-based learning activities correlating sounds with physical actions, fostering interactive learning experiences.

Mnemonic Devices:

Introduce mnemonic tools, rhymes, or short stories linked to letters for improved memory and engagement.

Interactive Games:

Develop games and puzzles reinforcing letter recognition and formation, fostering enjoyable and participatory learning environments.

Assessment Techniques Tailored to Grade 1 Level:

Implement interactive and age-appropriate assessment methods:

Interactive Presentations:

Encourage the children to showcase items representing learned letters/sounds, promoting personalized engagement.

Matching Activities:

Create exercises where the children match pictures or objects with corresponding beginning sounds, assessing comprehension.

Sensory Tracing and Drawing:

Provide materials like playdough for letter tracing, observing and evaluating children's attempts.

Participation Evaluation:

Engage the children in participatory sessions, assessing their understanding and involvement through group tasks and interactive activities.

Sequencing Tasks:

Utilize picture sequences related to learned letters/sounds, evaluating comprehension through story sequencing.

Engaging Handwriting Activities:

Invigorate learning with stimulating handwriting exercises:

Large Motor Skill Engagement:

Incorporate activities involving large motor skills, such as tracing shapes with chalk or using oversized writing tools for practice.

Sensory Writing Experiences:

Introduce sensory activities like textured finger painting or tactile material use for writing practice.

Manipulative Letter Formation:

Utilize everyday items for letter formation, encouraging hands-on practice with manipulatives like playdough or building blocks.

Interactive Letter Exploration:

Organize letter hunts, tracing activities, and interactive games reinforcing letter recognition and formation.

Teacher's Note:

Consistent reinforcement is key to solidifying Grade 1 students' understanding. Integrate learning into daily interactions, play, and exploration to gradually strengthen comprehension.

Final Remarks:

The Grade 1 English Handwriting Skills Builder Teaching Guide is structured to accommodate diverse learning styles and individual progress. From sensory engagement to interactive assessments and personalized learning tools, this guide aims to support educators in creating an enriching environment conducive to the development of advanced handwriting skills in first-grade students.

Introducing Thera-Putty: Enhancing Developmental Skills in Early School-Aged Children

Thera-Putty stands as an innovative and adaptable tool meticulously crafted to meet the specific developmental needs of early school-aged children, particularly those between 5.5 and 6.5 years old. This tactile, malleable substance is designed to facilitate therapeutic exercises aimed at refining fine motor skills, fostering hand strength, and promoting sensory exploration in an engaging and interactive manner.

Resembling the pliability of traditional modeling clay, Thera-Putty offers varying resistance levels calibrated to align with the advancing capabilities and requirements of children in this pivotal stage of development. Its flexibility allows for a diverse range of hand movements, providing an enjoyable and beneficial medium for children to engage in exercises that enhance dexterity, coordination, and sensory awareness.

Thera-Putty exercises within this age bracket yield a multitude of benefits:

- 1. Fine Motor Skill Enhancement:** Through activities involving pinching, twisting, rolling, and molding Thera-Putty, children refine fine motor skills necessary for tasks like writing, drawing, and manipulating objects with precision.
- 2. Hand Strength Development:** Graduated resistance levels in Thera-Putty aid in strengthening hand and finger muscles, supporting improved grip strength and endurance crucial for various daily tasks.
- 3. Sensory Stimulation:** Thera-Putty's tactile nature encourages sensory exploration, stimulating touch and proprioceptive senses essential for sensory processing and heightened awareness.
- 4. Focus and Persistence:** Engaging in Thera-Putty exercises encourages children to concentrate and persist in tasks, fostering attention span and perseverance.
- 5. Adaptable Learning Tool:** Thera-Putty offers versatility in engagement, from free-form exploration to structured exercises, making learning experiences adaptable and enjoyable.
- 6. Developmental Alignment:** Thera-Putty exercises are thoughtfully tailored to align with the developmental milestones of early school-aged children, supporting their growth across various developmental domains.

Thera-Putty serves as a valuable tool for educators, therapists, and parents seeking to support and enrich the foundational skills crucial for children in this stage of development. Its interactive and adaptable nature fosters purposeful engagement, creating an environment where children can explore, learn, and flourish as they continue their educational journey.

GRADE 1 WEEKLY LESSON PLAN

Teacher Name:	[Name]
Subject:	[Name]
Grade:	[Grade]
Level:	[Level]

Week of:	[Week]							
	Objective/Key concept	Instructional Material	Strategies		Assessment	Instructional Modifications		
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		Video clip:	<input type="checkbox"/>	Media	Project:		<input type="checkbox"/>	Extended Time
			<input type="checkbox"/>	Lab			<input type="checkbox"/>	Note-Taking
		Worksheet:	<input type="checkbox"/>	Oral reading	Observe:		<input type="checkbox"/>	Highlighting
			<input type="checkbox"/>	Class Discussion			Quiz:	<input type="checkbox"/>
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		Video clip:	<input type="checkbox"/>	Media	Project:			<input type="checkbox"/>	Extended Time
			<input type="checkbox"/>	Lab				<input type="checkbox"/>	Note-Taking
		Worksheet:	<input type="checkbox"/>	Oral reading	Observe:			<input type="checkbox"/>	Highlighting
			<input type="checkbox"/>	Class Discussion				Quiz:	<input type="checkbox"/>
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DAY 4		Text:	<input type="checkbox"/>	Intro	Homework:				
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		Video clip:	<input type="checkbox"/>	Media	Project:			<input type="checkbox"/>	Extended Time
			<input type="checkbox"/>	Lab				<input type="checkbox"/>	Note-Taking
		Worksheet:	<input type="checkbox"/>	Oral reading	Observe:			<input type="checkbox"/>	Highlighting
			<input type="checkbox"/>	Class Discussion				Quiz:	<input type="checkbox"/>
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			<input type="checkbox"/>	Class Discussion				Quiz:	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Note for the teacher: Get the weekly lesson plan photocopied and add before every lesson to maintain records.

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Section I

Lesson plan 1: Connecting the dots to create a truck

Objective:

The children will practice recognizing and writing lowercase letters from a-z by connecting the dots to form a picture of a truck. Additionally, they will reinforce the letter 't' and its association with the word 'truck.'

Materials:

- Pre-drawn dot-to-dot worksheet of a truck (a-z)
- Markers or pencils
- Chart paper
- Pictures or models of trucks
- Drawing materials (paper, crayons, markers)

Pre-lesson activity (Reggio Emilia approach):

1. Exploring trucks:begin

with a circle time discussion about trucks. Show pictures or models of various trucks and engage the children in a conversation about their features, functions, and what they know about trucks.

2. Group drawing:

Provide a large sheet of paper and ask the children to collaborate in drawing their ideal truck. Encourage them to share their ideas and contribute to the collective drawing.

Lesson plan:

This lesson plan is designed to engage the children through exploration, creativity, and hands-on activities, aligning with the principles of the Reggio Emilia approach.

1. Introduction:

- Gather the children and introduce the activity by showing them the dot-to-dot worksheet of the truck.
- Discuss the importance of following the alphabet sequence from 'a' to 'z' to reveal the hidden picture of the truck.

2. Dot-to-dot activity:

- Distribute the worksheets and instruct the children to connect the dots from 'a' to 'z' to complete the picture of the truck.
- Circulate around the classroom, offering guidance and assistance as needed.

3. Letter 't' and "t is for truck":

- After completing the picture, introduce the letter 't'.
- Demonstrate writing the letter 't' on the board, emphasizing its shape and sound.
- Have the children independently write the letter 't' on their worksheets.
- Trace and practice writing "t is for truck" on the bottom of the worksheet.

4. Creative extension:

- Encourage the children to create their own truck drawings using the drawing materials provided.
- Support individual creativity while referencing the features of trucks discussed earlier.

5. Assessment:

- Can you name any other words that start with the letter 't'?
- What did you learn about trucks today?
- How did you feel while connecting the dots to create the truck?

Homework:

Ask the children to find and draw three different vehicles from magazines or online sources. Label each vehicle and identify the starting letter of each vehicle's name.

Conclusion:

Summarize the lesson by revisiting the created truck drawings and discussing the fun they had while learning about the letter 't' and trucks.

Lesson plan 2: Giraffe maze adventure

Objective:

Children will engage in a maze activity to help a giraffe navigate its way to a tree, reinforcing problem-solving skills and spatial awareness.

Materials:

- Maze worksheet with a giraffe starting point and a tree endpoint
- Markers or pencils
- Chart paper
- Pictures or models of giraffes and trees
- Maze activity sheets for further practice

Pre-lesson activity (Reggio Emilia approach):

1. Giraffe and tree exploration:

Begin the lesson with a discussion about giraffes and trees. Show pictures or models of giraffes and trees, discussing their characteristics and habitat.

2. Group drawing:

Provide a large sheet of paper and ask children to collaboratively draw a maze-like path that a giraffe might take to reach a tree. Encourage creativity and problem-solving in designing the maze.

Lesson plan:

This lesson plan engages children in critical thinking and spatial reasoning while incorporating elements of creativity and collaboration, aligned with the Reggio Emilia approach.

1. Introduction:

- Gather the children and introduce the maze activity.
- Show the maze worksheet with a giraffe starting point and a tree endpoint.
- Explain the task of guiding the giraffe through the maze to reach the tree.

2. Maze activity:

- Distribute the maze worksheets and instruct the children to navigate the giraffe through the maze to reach the tree.
- Encourage them to trace the path with a marker or pencil, making sure the giraffe doesn't get lost.

3. Giraffe and tree discussion:

- After completing the maze, lead a discussion about the journey.
- Ask questions about the challenges faced, the successful path, and how they solved the maze.

4. Creative extension:

Provide additional maze activity sheets or blank paper for children to create their own giraffe-to-tree mazes. Encourage them to design paths and obstacles for their mazes.

5. Assessment:

- Ask three assessment questions:
 - How did you decide which way the giraffe should go in the maze?
 - What did you learn about problem-solving while navigating the giraffe through the maze?
 - Can you describe one thing the giraffe might see on its way to the tree?

Homework:

Assign children to create a simple maze at home. They can draw a maze and challenge a family member or friend to solve it, explaining the correct path.

Conclusion:

Wrap up the lesson by showcasing a few child-created mazes, emphasizing problem-solving skills and the fun of helping the giraffe find its way to the tree.

Lesson plan 3: Writing letters a-z

Objective:

Children will practice tracing and writing both uppercase and lowercase letters from A to Z in their handwriting books, enhancing their letter formation skills.

Materials:

- Handwriting books with practice sheets for letters A-Z
- Pencils or markers
- Chart paper
- Letter cards or pictures illustrating each letter
- Drawing materials (paper, crayons, markers)

Pre-lesson activity (Reggio Emilia approach):

1. Alphabet exploration:

Begin with an interactive alphabet exploration. Show letter cards or pictures representing each letter. Encourage children to participate by identifying the letters and associating them with words or objects that start with those letters.

2. Group drawing:

Provide a large sheet of paper and ask children to collaboratively draw objects or animals that start with different letters of the alphabet.

Lesson plan:

This lesson plan combines handwriting practice with letter recognition and creativity, aligning with the Reggio Emilia approach to engage children actively in their learning process.

1. Introduction:

- Gather the children and introduce the handwriting exercise.
- Show examples of proper letter formation on the board or chart paper.
- Emphasize the importance of practicing good handwriting for effective communication.

2. Tracing and writing activity:

- Distribute the handwriting books with practice sheets for letters A-Z.
- Guide children through the process of tracing each letter and then writing it independently.
- Encourage proper posture and pencil grip while writing.

3. Letter recognition and discussion:

- After completing the writing exercise, engage children in a discussion about the letters.
- Show the letter cards or pictures again and ask children to share words or objects associated with each letter.

4. Creative extension:

- Provide drawing materials and ask children to choose a letter and draw an object or animal that starts with that letter.
- Encourage creativity and imagination while reinforcing letter recognition.

5. Assessment:

- Ask three assessment questions:
 - Can you name a word that starts with the letter 'G'?
 - What was the most challenging letter to write today, and why?
 - How did you feel while practicing writing the letters in your handwriting book?

Homework:

Assign children to find and cut out pictures from magazines or online sources that represent words starting with any five letters they've practiced today. They should paste these pictures in their handwriting books next to the respective letters.

Conclusion:

Wrap up the lesson by showcasing some of the drawings created by children and highlighting the importance of practice in improving handwriting skills.

Lesson plan 4: Filling out personal information forms

Objective:

Children will practice writing their names, titles, addresses, and town names in their handwriting books to understand the purpose and importance of filling out forms in their lives.

Materials:

- Handwriting books
- Pencils or markers
- Sample forms (simple and child-friendly)
- Chart paper
- Drawing materials (paper, crayons, markers)

Pre-lesson activity (Reggio Emilia approach):

1. Personal information discussion:

Initiate a discussion about personal information. Show examples of simple forms (like a name tag, library card, or membership form) with spaces for name, title, address, and town.

2. Group drawing:

Provide a large sheet of paper and ask children to collaborate on drawing a pretend town, adding streets, houses, and landmarks.

Lesson plan:

This lesson plan aims to familiarize children with forms, encourage reflection on personal information, and reinforce the connection between writing and real-life applications, in line with the principles of the Reggio Emilia approach.

1. Introduction – what is a form? (Discussing forms):

- Explain to children that a form is like a paper that asks for information, just like the examples shown.
- Emphasize that forms help people get to know each other and keep things organized, like when getting a library card or signing up for activities.

2. Filling out personal information (writing exercise):

- Distribute handwriting books with spaces for name, title, address, and town name.
- Instruct children to write their names, title (like “Mr.” or “Ms.”), home address, and town name in the provided spaces.
- Encourage neat and clear handwriting.

3. Discussion about forms (interactive talk):

- Lead a discussion about why we need to fill out forms in our lives.
- Discuss various scenarios where forms are used, such as joining a club, getting a library card, or signing up for activities.

4. Creative extension (interactive activity):

- Provide drawing materials and ask children to draw a picture of themselves doing something they enjoy in their town.
- Encourage creativity while linking personal information to their environment.

5. Assessment questions:

- Why is it important to write your name on forms or papers?
- Can you think of another place where you might need to fill out a form?
- How did you feel while writing your personal information today?

Homework:

Ask children to find a simple form at home with a parent's help (like a library card application or a membership form). With supervision, they should fill out their names and addresses and discuss the purpose of the form with their family.

Conclusion:

Summarize the importance of filling out forms in our daily lives, reiterating the significance of clear and neat handwriting for effective communication.

Lesson plan 5: Writing sentences

Objective:

Children will practice tracing, copying, and writing sentences related to teaching, reinforcing handwriting skills while engaging in sentence formation.

Materials:

- Handwriting books
- Pencils or markers
- Chart paper with sentences written on it
- Picture cards related to teaching (e.g., a teacher, books, classroom)

Pre-lesson activity (Reggio Emilia approach):

1. Sentence building:

Introduce sentence formation by showing picture cards related to teaching and asking children to create simple sentences describing the pictures.

2. Group drawing:

Provide a large sheet of paper and ask children to collaboratively draw a classroom scene with a teacher teaching children.

Lesson plan:

This lesson plan integrates handwriting practice with sentence formation, fostering creativity and encouraging children to connect writing with real-life situations, aligning with the principles of the Reggio Emilia approach.

1. Introduction - sentence exploration:

- Display the sentences “She is my teacher,” “She is teaching,” and “She is teaching English” on the chart paper.
- Explain that these sentences talk about someone teaching and learning.

2. Tracing, copying, and writing sentences (writing exercise):

- Distribute handwriting books with the provided sentences.
- Instruct children to trace each sentence once, then copy it independently twice in their handwriting books.
- Encourage attention to letter formation, spacing, and neatness.

3. Discussion about teaching (interactive talk):

- Engage children in a conversation about teachers and teaching.
- Ask questions about what they like about their teachers or what they learn in school.

4. Creative extension (interactive activity):

- Use the classroom drawing created earlier and encourage children to imagine what the teacher might be teaching in that scene.
- Ask them to add speech bubbles to the drawing, writing sentences related to what the teacher could be teaching.

5. Assessment questions:

- Why is it important to write sentences clearly?
- Can you think of another sentence about teaching that you could write?
- How did you feel while practicing writing sentences today?

Homework:

Assign children to create a simple story or draw a picture sequence showing someone teaching something. They should write sentences describing the teaching activity.

Conclusion:

Recap the lesson by discussing the importance of clear handwriting for communicating ideas and expressing thoughts through sentences.

Section II

Lesson plan 1: Exploring word families (-an)

Objective:

Children will practice tracing sentences containing words from the ‘-an’ word family, enhancing handwriting skills while learning about word families.

Materials:

- Handwriting books
- Pencils or markers
- Chart paper with sentences written on it
- Picture cards or objects representing ‘-an’ words (e.g., can, fan, man, pan)
- Large word family chart (for display)
- Device with a QR code scanner

Pre-lesson activity (Reggio Emilia approach):

1. Word family exploration:

Introduce the concept of word families by showing picture cards or objects representing ‘-an’ words and discuss their common ending sound.

2. Group drawing:

Provide a large sheet of paper and ask children to collaboratively draw objects or scenes related to ‘-an’ words they’ve learned.

Lesson plan:

This lesson plan integrates handwriting practice with word family exploration, fostering understanding of word patterns and encouraging creativity in using learned words, aligned with the Reggio Emilia approach.

1. Introduction - word families:

- Display a large word family chart showing various ‘-an’ words (can, fan, man, pan) with illustrations.
- Explain that words with the ‘-an’ sound at the end are part of the same word family and sound alike.

2. Tracing sentences (writing exercise):

- Distribute handwriting books with sentences containing ‘-an’ words.
- Instruct children to trace each sentence once, focusing on the words related to the ‘-an’ word family.
- Encourage attention to letter formation and clarity while tracing.

3. Revisiting the ‘-an’ word family (interactive talk):

- Engage children in a discussion about the ‘-an’ word family.
- Show picture cards or objects again and encourage children to identify more words from the same family.

4. QR code activity (interactive enhancement):

- Prepare a QR code that leads to a video explaining word families and the ‘-ay’ word family specifically.
- Have children use devices with QR code scanners to watch the video for further understanding.

5. Independent writing of ‘-an’ words (writing practice):

- Ask children to write the ‘-an’ words independently after tracing the sentences.
- Guide them through writing each ‘-an’ word separately, encouraging careful writing and neatness.

6. Creative extension (interactive activity):

- Provide drawing materials and ask children to draw a picture of a scene involving ‘-an’ words and write a sentence about it.

7. Assessment questions:

- Can you name another word that belongs to the ‘-an’ word family?
- How did you feel while writing words from the ‘-an’ family independently?
- Can you create a sentence using one of the ‘-an’ words we learned today?

Homework:

Assign children to find or create a list of ‘-an’ words at home (e.g., in books, magazines, or by asking family members). They should write these words in their handwriting books and draw a picture related to one of the words.

Conclusion:

Summarize the lesson by revisiting the ‘-an’ word family and emphasizing the connection between words with similar sounds, supporting handwriting practice through word family exercises.

Lesson plan 2: Exploring word families (-ay)

Objective:

Children will practice tracing sentences containing words from the ‘-ay’ word family, reinforcing handwriting skills while exploring word families.

Materials:

- Handwriting books
- Pencils or markers
- Chart paper with sentences written on it
- Picture cards or objects representing ‘-ay’ words (e.g., day, pay, may, play)
- Large word family chart (for display)
- Device with a QR code scanner

Pre-lesson activity (Reggio Emilia approach):

1. Word family exploration:

Introduce the ‘-ay’ word family using picture cards or objects representing ‘-ay’ words. Engage children in identifying words and discussing their common ending sound.

2. Group drawing:

Provide a large sheet of paper and ask children to collaboratively draw scenes related to ‘-ay’ words they’ve learned.

Lesson plan:

This detailed lesson plan integrates handwriting practice with word family exploration, promoting deeper understanding of word patterns while engaging children through interactive activities and technology incorporation aligned with the Reggio Emilia approach.

1. Introduction - word families:

- Display a large word family chart showcasing various ‘-ay’ words (day, pay, may, play) with accompanying illustrations.
- Explain that words with the ‘-ay’ sound at the end are part of the same word family and sound alike.

2. Tracing sentences (writing exercise):

- Distribute handwriting books with sentences containing ‘-ay’ words.
- Instruct children to trace each sentence once, focusing on the words related to the ‘-ay’ word family.
- Encourage attention to letter formation and clarity while tracing.

3. Revisiting the ‘-ay’ word family (interactive talk):

- Engage children in a discussion about the ‘-ay’ word family, using the picture cards or objects again.
- Encourage children to identify more words from the same family and discuss their meanings.

4. QR code activity (interactive enhancement):

- Prepare a QR code that leads to a video explaining word families and the ‘-ay’ word family specifically.
- Have children use devices with QR code scanners to watch the video for further understanding.

5. Independent writing of ‘-ay’ words (writing practice):

- Ask children to write the ‘-ay’ words independently after tracing the sentences.
- Guide them through writing each ‘-ay’ word separately, emphasizing clear and neat handwriting.

6. Creative extension (interactive activity):

- Provide drawing materials and ask children to draw a picture related to one of the ‘-ay’ words they’ve learned and write a sentence about it.

7. Assessment questions:

- Can you name another word that belongs to the ‘-ay’ word family?
- How did you feel while writing words from the ‘-ay’ family independently?
- Can you create a sentence using one of the ‘-ay’ words we learned today?

Homework:

Assign children to find or create a list of ‘-ay’ words at home (e.g., in books, magazines, or by asking family members). They should write these words in their handwriting books and draw a picture related to one of the words.

Conclusion:

Summarize the lesson by reviewing the ‘-ay’ word family, emphasizing the link between words with similar sounds and supporting handwriting practice through word family exercises.

Lesson plan 3: Exploring word families (-ap)

Objective:

Children will practice tracing sentences containing words from the ‘-ap’ word family, strengthening handwriting skills while delving into word families.

Materials:

- Handwriting books
- Pencils or markers
- Chart paper with sentences written on it
- Picture cards or objects representing ‘-ap’ words (e.g., cap, map, nap, lap)
- Large word family chart (for display)
- Device with a QR code scanner

Pre-lesson activity (reggio emilia approach):

1. Word family introduction:

Introduce the ‘-ap’ word family using picture cards or objects representing ‘-ap’ words. Engage children in identifying words and discussing their shared ending sound.

2. Group drawing:

Provide a large sheet of paper and ask children to collaboratively draw scenes related to ‘-ap’ words they’ve learned.

Lesson plan:

This comprehensive lesson plan integrates handwriting practice with word family exploration, promoting a deeper understanding of word patterns and engaging children through interactive activities and technology incorporation in line with the Reggio Emilia approach.

1. Introduction - word families:

- Display a large word family chart showcasing various ‘-ap’ words (cap, map, nap, lap) with accompanying illustrations.
- Explain that words with the ‘-ap’ sound at the end are part of the same word family and have similar sounds.

2. Tracing sentences (writing exercise):

- Distribute handwriting books with sentences containing ‘-ap’ words.
- Instruct children to trace each sentence once, focusing on the words related to the ‘-ap’ word family.
- Encourage attention to letter formation and clarity while tracing.

3. Revisiting the ‘-ap’ word family (interactive talk):

- Engage children in a discussion about the ‘-ap’ word family, using the picture cards or objects again.
- Encourage children to identify more words from the same family and discuss their meanings.

4. QR code activity (interactive enhancement):

- Prepare a QR code leading to a video explaining word families and the ‘-ap’ word family specifically.
- Have children use devices with QR code scanners to watch the video for further understanding.

5. Independent writing of ‘-ap’ words (writing practice):

- Ask children to write the ‘-ap’ words independently after tracing the sentences.
- Guide them through writing each ‘-ap’ word separately, emphasizing clear and neat handwriting.

6. Creative extension (interactive activity):

- Provide drawing materials and ask children to draw a picture related to one of the ‘-ap’ words they’ve learned and write a sentence about it.

7. Assessment questions:

- Can you name another word that belongs to the ‘-ap’ word family?
- How did you feel while writing words from the ‘-ap’ family independently?
- Can you create a sentence using one of the ‘-ap’ words we learned today?

Homework:

Assign children to find or create a list of ‘-ap’ words at home (e.g., in books, magazines, or by asking family members). They should write these words in their handwriting books and draw a picture related to one of the words.

Conclusion:

Summarize the lesson by reviewing the ‘-ap’ word family, emphasizing the connection between words with similar sounds, and supporting handwriting practice through word family exercises.

Lesson plan 4: Exploring good manners through words

Objective:

Children will practice tracing words related to good manners while exploring the concept of good manners, their impact, and their importance in daily life.

Materials:

- Handwriting books
- Pencils or markers
- Chart paper with words written on it
- Picture cards or illustrations representing good manners
- Large word chart displaying manners-related words
- Drawing materials

Pre-lesson activity (reggio emilia approach):

1. Discussion on manners:

Initiate a conversation about manners. Show picture cards or illustrations depicting good manners and ask children to describe what they see.

2. Group drawing:

Provide a large sheet of paper and ask children to collaboratively draw scenes showing people demonstrating good manners.

Lesson plan:

This comprehensive lesson plan integrates handwriting practice with discussions on good manners, promoting awareness and understanding of the significance of polite behavior in daily interactions, aligning with the Reggio Emilia approach.

1. Introduction - exploring good manners:

- Define good manners as polite and respectful behavior towards others.
- Discuss the impact of good manners on relationships, friendships, and daily interactions.

2. Tracing manners-related words (writing exercise):

- Distribute handwriting books with words related to good manners.
- Instruct children to trace each word once, focusing on neatness and clarity while tracing.

3. Discussion on the importance of good manners:

- Engage children in a conversation about why it's necessary to have good manners.
- Discuss how good manners make interactions pleasant and respectful.

4. Comparison activity (interactive talk):

- Discuss how a person with good manners differs from a person with bad manners.
- Encourage children to share examples of situations demonstrating good and bad manners.

5. Creative extension (interactive activity):

- Provide drawing materials and ask children to draw a scene depicting good manners and write a sentence about it.

6. Assessment questions:

- Why do you think having good manners is important?
- How can good manners make a difference in your interactions with others?
- Can you name one word related to good manners and explain why it's important?

Homework:

Assign children to observe and note down instances of good manners they see at home or in their surroundings. They should draw and write about one of these instances in their handwriting books.

Conclusion:

Summarize the lesson by emphasizing the importance of good manners in fostering positive relationships and creating a respectful environment.

Lesson plan 5: Understanding classroom rules

Objective:

Children will practice tracing sentences related to classroom rules while exploring the concept of rules, their importance, and how they improve our lives.

Materials:

- Handwriting books
- Pencils or markers
- Chart paper with sentences written on it
- Picture cards or illustrations representing classroom rules
- Large chart displaying classroom rules
- Drawing materials

Pre-lesson activity (Reggio Emilia approach):

1. Discussion on rules:

Initiate a conversation about rules. Show picture cards or illustrations depicting classroom rules and ask children to describe what they see.

2. Group drawing:

Provide a large sheet of paper and ask children to collaboratively draw scenes illustrating different classroom rules.

Lesson plan:

This detailed lesson plan integrates handwriting practice with discussions on classroom rules, fostering awareness and understanding of the significance of rules in promoting a positive and conducive learning atmosphere, aligning with the Reggio Emilia approach.

1. Introduction - exploring classroom rules:

- Define rules as guidelines or instructions that help us behave well and create a safe environment.
- Discuss why rules are important in school and how they contribute to a better learning environment.

2. Tracing sentences (writing exercise):

- Distribute handwriting books with sentences related to classroom rules.
- Instruct children to trace each sentence once, focusing on neatness and clarity while tracing.

3. Discussion on the importance of rules:

- Engage children in a conversation about why it's important to have rules in the classroom.
- Discuss how following rules helps everyone feel safe and respected.

4. Benefits of having rules (interactive talk):

- Explore how having rules makes our lives better by creating order and harmony.
- Encourage children to share examples of how following rules can lead to a positive and productive classroom.

5. Creative extension (interactive activity):

- Provide drawing materials and ask children to draw a scene showing a classroom where everyone is following the rules. They can write a sentence describing the scene.

6. Assessment questions:

- Why do you think having rules in the classroom is important?
- How do rules help us have a better learning experience?
- Can you name one classroom rule and explain why it's important to follow it?

Homework:

Assign children to create a list of rules they follow at home or in their community. They should draw and write about one of these rules in their handwriting books.

Conclusion:

Summarize the lesson by emphasizing the importance of classroom rules in creating a safe and respectful learning environment.

Lesson plan 6: Exploring professions and their places

Objective:

Children will practice tracing words related to different professions and their workplaces while understanding the concepts of jobs, professions, and professionalism.

Materials:

- Handwriting books
- Pencils or markers
- Chart paper with words written on it (teacher, doctor, etc.)
- Picture cards or illustrations representing professions and workplaces
- Large chart displaying professions and their workplaces
- Drawing materials

Pre-lesson activity (Reggio Emilia approach):

1. Discussion on jobs:

Initiate a conversation about jobs. Show picture cards or illustrations depicting different professions and their workplaces, asking children to describe what they see.

2. Group drawing:

Provide a large sheet of paper and ask children to collaboratively draw scenes illustrating different jobs and their workplaces.

Lesson plan:

This detailed lesson plan integrates handwriting practice with discussions on jobs, professions, and professionalism, fostering awareness and understanding of different roles in society while aligning with the Reggio Emilia approach.

1. Introduction - understanding professions and workplaces:

- Define jobs as tasks or activities people do to earn a living and contribute to society.
- Explain professions as specialized jobs requiring specific skills and expertise.
- Define a professional as someone skilled and trained in a particular job.

2. Tracing professions and workplaces (writing exercise):

- Distribute handwriting books with words related to professions and their workplaces.
- Instruct children to trace each word once, focusing on neatness and clarity while tracing.

3. Discussion on professions and their places:

- Engage children in a conversation about different professions and where they work.
- Discuss the importance of each profession and its role in society.

4. Understanding professionalism (interactive talk):

- Explain professionalism as doing a job well, being responsible, and showing respect.
- Discuss how professionals behave and why it's important to work professionally.

5. Creative extension (interactive activity):

- Provide drawing materials and ask children to draw scenes depicting professions and their workplaces. They can write a sentence describing the profession and its importance.

6. Assessment questions:

- Why is it important for professionals to work with professionalism?
- Can you name one profession and its workplace that you learned today?
- How do different professions contribute to our communities?

Homework:

Assign children to talk to family members about their jobs or professions and ask about their workplaces. They should draw and write about one job they learned about in their handwriting books.

Conclusion:

Summarize the lesson by emphasizing the diversity of professions, the importance of professionalism, and the contributions of different professionals to society.

Lesson plan 7: Exploring places in my town

Objective:

Children will practice tracing words related to different places in a neighborhood while understanding the concept of neighborhoods and the services they provide.

Materials:

- Handwriting books or sheets
- Pencils or markers
- Chart paper with words written on it (school, office, etc.)
- Picture cards or illustrations representing places in a neighborhood
- Large chart displaying places in a neighborhood
- Drawing materials

Pre-lesson activity (reggio emilia approach):

1. Neighborhood exploration:

Initiate a discussion about neighborhoods. Show picture cards or illustrations depicting different places in a neighborhood, asking children to describe what they see.

2. Group drawing:

Provide a large sheet of paper and ask children to collaboratively draw scenes depicting their idea of a neighborhood.

Lesson plan:

This detailed lesson plan integrates handwriting practice with discussions on neighborhoods and their services, fostering awareness and understanding of the different places in a neighborhood while aligning with the Reggio Emilia approach.

1. Introduction - understanding neighborhoods:

- Define a neighborhood as an area where people live and work, providing various services and facilities.
- Explain that a neighborhood has different places that offer services needed by its residents.

2. Tracing places in a neighborhood (writing exercise):

- Distribute handwriting books or sheets with words related to places in a neighborhood.
- Instruct children to trace each word once, focusing on neatness and clarity while tracing.

3. Interactive sentence completion:

- Provide sentences with blanks for children to complete: “I go to the _____ to study/play/eat.”
- Have children fill in the blanks using the traced words (e.g., “I go to the library to study.”)

4. Discussion on places in a neighborhood:

- Engage children in a conversation about different places in a neighborhood and the services they offer.
- Discuss the importance of these places in their daily lives.

5. QR code activity (interactive enhancement):

- Prepare a QR code leading to an audio explanation or a song related to places in a neighborhood.
- Have children use devices with QR code scanners to listen to the audio for further understanding.

6. Assessment questions:

- Can you name two places in a neighborhood and explain what services they offer?
- Why are places like the library, park, or supermarket important in a neighborhood?
- How do places in a neighborhood make our lives easier?

Homework:

Assign children to take a short walk around their neighborhood with their family. They should observe and note down different places they see and draw/write about one place they visited in their handwriting books.

Conclusion:

Summarize the lesson by emphasizing the variety of places in a neighborhood and their importance in providing essential services.

Lesson plan 8: Exploring weather

Objective:

Children will practice tracing words related to different types of weather while understanding the concept of weather, its variations, and how it affects us.

Materials:

- Handwriting books
- Pencils or markers
- Chart paper with words written on it (hot, cold, etc.)
- Picture cards or illustrations representing different types of weather
- Large chart displaying types of weather
- Weather-related props or materials (e.g., sun, raindrops, cotton for clouds)

Pre-lesson activity (Reggio Emilia approach):

1. Weather discussion:

Initiate a conversation about weather. Show picture cards or illustrations depicting different types of weather, asking children to describe what they see.

2. Weather props:

Use props or materials to simulate different types of weather (e.g., using a flashlight for sunshine, cotton for clouds).

Lesson plan:

This comprehensive lesson plan integrates handwriting practice with discussions on weather, engaging children in understanding different types of weather and their effects while aligning with the Reggio Emilia approach.

1. Introduction - understanding weather:

- Define weather as the condition of the atmosphere at a particular place and time, including temperature, precipitation, and wind.
- Explain that there are different types of weather that change throughout the year.

2. Tracing words for different weather (writing exercise):

- Distribute handwriting books with words related to different types of weather.
- Instruct children to trace each word once, focusing on neatness and clarity while tracing.

3. Interactive sentence completion:

- Provide sentences with blanks for children to complete: “The weather in summer can get very _____. The weather in winter is very _____.”
- Have children fill in the blanks using the traced words (e.g., “The weather in summer can get very hot. The weather in winter is very cold.”)

4. Discussion on weather and activities:

- Engage children in a conversation about different activities, clothing, and foods associated with various types of weather.
- Discuss what we do, wear, and eat during hot, cold, rainy, or snowy weather.

5. Weather-related activity:

- Engage children in a weather-related activity, such as creating a weather chart using drawings or cut-outs to represent different weather types.

6. Assessment questions:

- Can you name three different types of weather?
- What do we wear during hot weather?
- How does different weather affect the activities we do?

Homework:

Assign children to observe and note down the weather for the next few days. They should draw and write about one type of weather they observed in their handwriting books.

Conclusion:

Summarize the lesson by emphasizing the various types of weather, their characteristics, and how they impact our daily lives.

Lesson plan 9: People in my family

Objective:

Children will practice tracing sentences related to family members while understanding the concept of family, its composition, and expressing information about their own families.

Materials:

- Handwriting books
- Pencils or markers
- Chart paper with sentences written on it
- Picture cards or illustrations representing family members
- Large chart displaying family-related sentences
- Drawing materials
- Device with QR code scanner

Pre-lesson activity (Reggio Emilia approach):

1. Family discussion:

Initiate a conversation about families. Show picture cards or illustrations depicting different family structures, asking children to describe what they see.

2. Family tree drawing:

Provide a large sheet of paper and ask children to draw their own family trees or create a collage showing their family members.

Lesson plan:

This detailed lesson plan integrates handwriting practice with discussions on families, encouraging children to express information about their families while aligning with the Reggio Emilia approach, fostering a sense of belonging and identity within the classroom.

1. Introduction - understanding families:

- Define a family as a group of people living together and loving and supporting each other.
- Explain that families can be of different sizes and compositions.

2. QR code activity (interactive enhancement):

- Prepare a QR code leading to a video explaining families.
- Have children use devices with QR code scanners to watch the video for further understanding.

3. Tracing family-related sentences (writing exercise):

- Distribute handwriting books with sentences related to family members.
- Instruct children to trace each sentence once, focusing on neatness and clarity while tracing.

4. Interactive sentence completion:

- Provide sentence starters for children to complete: “There are _____ people in my family. My father’s name is _____. My mother’s name is _____.”
- Guide children in filling in the blanks and encourage them to share their responses.

5. Individual family description:

- Guide children in writing four sentences about their individual families.
- Provide assistance with sentence structure and spelling while encouraging creativity and expression.

6. Family-related activity:

- Engage children in an activity where they can draw or create a visual representation of their own families.

7. Assessment questions:

- How many people are there in your family?
- Can you name one family member and tell something special about them?
- What do you love most about your family?

Homework:

Assign children to draw and write about a special moment or activity they shared with their family recently in their handwriting books.

Conclusion:

Summarize the lesson by emphasizing the uniqueness and importance of families in our lives.

Lesson plan 10: My favorites

Objective:

Children will explore the concept of favorites by tracing and completing sentences related to their preferences while understanding what it means to have favorites.

Materials:

- Handwriting books or sheets
- Pencils or markers
- Chart paper with sentences written on it
- Picture cards or illustrations representing different favorites (colors, foods, etc.)
- Large chart displaying sentences about favorites
- Drawing materials

Pre-lesson activity (Reggio Emilia approach):

1. Favorite discussion:

Initiate a conversation about favorites. Show picture cards or illustrations depicting different items (colors, foods, etc.), asking children to identify their favorites.

2. Favorite collage:

Provide materials for children to create a collage or drawing depicting their favorite things.

Lesson plan:

This detailed lesson plan integrates handwriting practice with discussions on favorites, encouraging children to express their preferences while aligning with the Reggio Emilia approach, fostering individuality and self-expression within the classroom.

1. Introduction - exploring favorites:

- Define “favorite” as something that someone likes more than other things.
- Discuss how everyone has their own favorites based on what they like or enjoy the most.

2. Tracing and completing sentences (writing exercise):

- Distribute handwriting books or sheets with sentences related to favorite things.
- Instruct children to trace and complete each sentence, focusing on neatness and clarity while tracing.

3. Interactive sentence completion:

- Guide children in completing sentences about their favorite things (e.g., color, food, subject, etc.).
- Encourage children to share their completed sentences with the class.

4. Discussion on preferences:

- Engage children in a discussion about how they discover their favorites and why they like certain things more than others.
- Discuss how everyone's favorites can be different and that it's okay to have different preferences.

5. Favorite-related Activity:

- Engage children in an activity where they create a collage or drawing representing their favorite things. They can share and explain their creations with the class.

6. Assessment Questions:

- What does it mean to have a favorite?
- Can you name three of your favorite things and explain why you like them?
- How do our favorite things make us feel?

Homework:

Assign children to create a drawing or collage showcasing their top three favorite things and write a sentence about each in their handwriting books.

Conclusion:

Summarize the lesson by emphasizing that everyone has different favorites and that it's wonderful to celebrate these differences.

Lesson plan 11: Let's build three-letter words

Objective:

Children will create three-letter words using given letters and practice tracing and writing words while engaging in a hands-on activity.

Materials:

- Handwriting books
- Pencils or markers
- Chart paper with letters written on it (a, b, d, o, g, c, n, t, p)
- Picture cards or illustrations representing words (cat, bat, bag, ant, pan, pot)
- Drawing materials

Pre-lesson activity (Reggio Emilia approach):

1. Letter exploration:

Display the chart paper with letters written on it. Engage children in identifying and naming the letters.

2. Word picture matching:

Show picture cards or illustrations representing words (cat, bat, bag, etc.), allowing children to match letters to the pictures.

Lesson plan:

This detailed lesson plan integrates handwriting practice with word formation, engaging children in creating and identifying three-letter words while aligning with the Reggio Emilia approach, fostering hands-on learning and exploration within the classroom.

1. Introduction - building three-letter words:

- Explain the task of creating three-letter words using the given letters and pictures as guidance.
- Discuss how combining letters forms words and how these words represent objects or things.

2. Tracing words and creating pictures (writing exercise):

- Distribute handwriting books with traced words (cat, bat) and blank space for other words.
- Instruct children to trace words like 'cat' and 'bat' and write the remaining words (bag, ant, pan, pot) on their own.

3. Interactive word building:

- Display the picture cards again and guide children in identifying the letters needed to form the words (bag, ant, pan, pot).
- Encourage children to color the pictures related to the words they traced or wrote.

4. Discussion on word formation:

- Engage children in a discussion about how combining specific letters creates different words.
- Discuss the meaning or representation of the words formed.

5. Creative extension (interactive activity):

- Provide drawing materials and ask children to draw the objects represented by the words they traced or wrote (e.g., draw a cat, draw a pot).

6. Assessment questions:

- How do we build words using letters?
- Can you name one word you traced and one word you wrote on your own?
- What did you learn about creating words today?

Homework:

Assign children to find and draw three objects at home or in their surroundings that start with any of the letters used in class (a, b, d, o, g, c, n, t, p).

Conclusion:

Summarize the lesson by reinforcing the idea that letters form words and words represent objects, encouraging exploration and creativity in word-building.

Lesson plan 12: Exploring nouns

Objective:

Children will understand the concept of nouns as naming words, identify examples of people, places, and things, and practice tracing and writing nouns.

Materials:

- Handwriting books
- Pencils or markers
- Chart paper with examples of nouns (person, place, thing)
- Picture cards or illustrations representing nouns
- Hands-on activity materials (e.g., noun sorting activity)
- Grammar worksheet on nouns for Grade 1 level
- Device to scan the QR code

Pre-lesson activity (Reggio Emilia approach):

1. Noun introduction:

Display a chart paper with examples of nouns (person, place, thing) and discuss what each category represents.

2. Noun picture sorting:

Provide picture cards or illustrations representing nouns and ask children to sort them into people, places, and things categories.

Lesson plan:

This detailed lesson plan integrates handwriting practice with the concept of nouns, engaging children in recognizing and writing different types of nouns while aligning with the Reggio Emilia approach, promoting interactive and experiential learning within the classroom.

1. Introduction - understanding nouns:

- Define nouns as words that name people, places, or things.
- Provide examples and explanations for each category (person, place, thing) using illustrations or real-life objects.

2. Qr code activity (interactive enhancement):

- Prepare a QR code leading to a video explaining nouns as naming words.
- Have children use devices with QR code scanners to watch the video for further understanding.

3. Tracing different nouns (writing exercise):

- Distribute handwriting books with traced examples of nouns (person, place, thing).
- Instruct children to trace each example once, focusing on neatness and clarity while tracing.

4. Independent writing of nouns:

- Guide children in writing one example of a person, place, or thing on their own in their handwriting books.
- Provide assistance with spelling and sentence formation as needed.

5. Hands-on noun activity:

- Conduct a noun sorting activity where children categorize objects or picture cards into people, places, and things.
- Encourage children to discuss and justify their choices, fostering understanding of different types of nouns.

6. Grammar worksheet on nouns:

- Distribute a worksheet with exercises related to identifying nouns.
- Allow children to work on the worksheet independently or in pairs to reinforce the concept of nouns.

a Choose the best noun to complete each sentence.

i. The _____ runs fast.

a) boy

b) run

c) quickly

ii. We played at the _____.

a) park

b) jump

c) quickly

iii. She has a _____.

a) read

b) book

c) write

iv. The _____ is beautiful.

a) butterfly

b) fly

c) quickly

v. My _____ is very kind.

a) cat

b) jump

c) quickly

Answers:

a) boy;

a) park;

b) book;

a) butterfly;

a) cat

7. Assessment questions:

- Can you give an example of a person, a place, and a thing?
- How do we recognize nouns in sentences?
- What did you learn about nouns today?

Homework:

Assign children to find and write down five nouns from their surroundings (three people, one place, one thing) in their handwriting books.

Conclusion:

Summarize the lesson by emphasizing the importance of nouns in naming people, places, and things, facilitating effective communication.

Lesson plan 13: Exploring verbs

Objective:

Children will understand the concept of verbs as action words, identify examples of verbs in daily life, and practice tracing and writing verbs.

Materials:

- Handwriting books
- Pencils or markers
- Chart paper with examples of verbs
- Picture cards or illustrations representing verbs
- Hands-on activity materials (e.g., verb-action matching game)
- Grammar worksheet on verbs for Grade 1 level
- QR code scanner prepared by the teacher to play a helpful video on verbs

Pre-lesson activity (Reggio Emilia approach):

1. Verb introduction:

Display a chart paper with examples of verbs (jump, run, eat, etc.) and discuss what each action represents.

2. Verb-action match:

Provide picture cards or illustrations representing verbs and ask children to match them with corresponding actions.

Lesson plan:

This detailed lesson plan integrates handwriting practice with the concept of verbs, engaging children in recognizing and writing different action words while aligning with the Reggio Emilia approach, promoting interactive and experiential learning within the classroom.

1. Introduction - understanding verbs:

- Define verbs as words that show actions or states of being.
- Provide examples and explanations for different action verbs using illustrations or real-life actions.

2. Tracing different verbs (writing exercise):

- Distribute handwriting books with traced examples of verbs (jump, run, eat, etc.).
- Instruct children to trace each example once, focusing on neatness and clarity while tracing.

3. Independent writing of verbs:

- Guide children in writing one example of an action verb on their own in their handwriting books.
- Provide assistance with spelling and sentence formation as needed.

4. Hands-on verb activity:

- Conduct a verb-action matching game where children match picture cards or illustrations representing verbs with corresponding actions.
- Encourage children to act out the actions represented by the verbs.

5. Qr code video on verbs:

- Using a QR code scanner prepared by the teacher, play a helpful video explaining verbs and their usage.

6. Grammar worksheet on verbs:

- Distribute a worksheet with fill-in-the-blank exercises related to choosing the appropriate verbs.

a) Choose the best verb to complete each sentence.

i. The cat _____ on the mat.

a) sleeping

b) green

c) jumped

ii. We _____ in the garden.

a) happy

b) danced

c) tasty

iii. She _____ a story.

a) read

b) playing

c) yellow

iv. The bird _____ in the sky.

a) tasty

b) flying

c) laughed

v. He _____ the ball.

a) quickly

b) kicked

c) purple

Answers:

c) jumped

b) danced

a) read

b) flying

b) kicked

7. Assessment Questions:

- What is a verb? Can you give an example?
- How do verbs show actions?
- Can you name two action verbs you wrote in your handwriting book?

Homework:

Assign children to write three sentences using different action verbs they learned in class in their handwriting books.

Conclusion:

Summarize the lesson by emphasizing the importance of verbs in showing actions and encouraging children to use verbs in their writing.

Lesson plan 14: Exploring naming and action words

Objective:

Children will differentiate between nouns (naming words) and verbs (action words), identify examples in sentences, and practice tracing while recognizing nouns and verbs.

Materials:

- Handwriting books or sheets
- Pencils or markers
- Sentences printed or written on chart paper
- Picture cards or illustrations representing nouns and verbs
- Hands-on activity materials (e.g., sorting nouns and verbs)

Pre-lesson activity (Reggio Emilia approach):

1. Noun and verb introduction:

Display sentences on the board and identify examples of nouns and verbs in them.

2. Noun-verb sorting:

Provide picture cards or illustrations representing nouns and verbs and ask children to sort them into respective categories.

Lesson plan:

This detailed lesson plan integrates handwriting practice with the concept of nouns and verbs, engaging children in recognizing and tracing different parts of speech while aligning with the Reggio Emilia approach, promoting interactive and experiential learning within the classroom.

1. Introduction - nouns and verbs:

- Review the concept of nouns as naming words and verbs as action words, using examples and explanations.
- Discuss how nouns name people, places, or things, while verbs show actions or states of being.

2. Tracing sentences (writing exercise):

- Distribute handwriting books or sheets with sentences provided.
- Instruct children to trace each sentence, then circle the naming words (nouns) and underline the action words (verbs).

3. Interactive sentence analysis:

- Display sentences again and guide children in identifying and discussing nouns and verbs in each sentence.
- Encourage children to explain the function of each noun and verb in the sentence.

4. Hands-on noun and verb activity:

- Conduct a sorting activity where children sort picture cards or illustrations into two categories: nouns and verbs.
- Encourage discussion and reasoning behind their choices, reinforcing the understanding of nouns and verbs.

5. Assessment questions:

- How are nouns different from verbs?
- Can you give two examples of nouns and verbs from our sentences today?
- Why are nouns and verbs important in sentences?

Homework:

Assign children to write three sentences at home, each containing one noun and one verb.

Conclusion:

Summarize the lesson by reviewing the distinction between nouns and verbs, encouraging children to look for them in sentences for effective communication.

Lesson plan 15: Exploring objects with nouns

Objective:

Children will identify objects in pictures, understand nouns as naming words, and use the phrase ‘This is’ to describe objects. They will trace and copy sentences to reinforce their understanding.

Materials:

- Handwriting books
- Pencils or markers
- Pictures of various objects (chair, bicycle, umbrella, table fan, bag, ink pot, cup, tap)
- Chart paper with sentences written on them
- Hands-on activity materials (e.g., object identification game)

Pre-lesson activity (Reggio Emilia approach):

1. Object introduction:

Display pictures of various objects and discuss their names (nouns).

2. Sentence formation:

Use chart paper to write sentences using ‘This is’ to describe each object.

Lesson plan:

This detailed lesson plan integrates handwriting practice with object identification, encouraging children to use nouns and descriptive phrases while aligning with the Reggio Emilia approach, promoting interactive and experiential learning within the classroom.

1. Introduction - identifying objects and nouns:

- Review the concept of nouns as naming words and introduce the phrase ‘This is’ to describe objects.
- Use examples to explain how nouns help us identify objects.

2. Tracing and copying sentences (writing exercise):

- Distribute handwriting books with sentences written on them.
- Instruct children to trace the sentence ‘This is bread’ and then copy it once more.

3. Interactive object identification:

- Display pictures of various objects (chair, bicycle, etc.) one by one.
- Guide children in identifying and naming each object, using the phrase ‘This is a...’ to describe them.

4. Hands-on object identification activity:

- Conduct an object identification game where children match object pictures with their corresponding names.
- Encourage children to describe the objects using the phrase ‘This is...’ during the activity.

5. Discussion and reinforcement:

- Engage children in discussions about the objects they identified, encouraging them to use complete sentences.
- Reinforce the use of ‘This is’ to describe objects in their surroundings.

6. Assessment questions:

- How do we describe objects using the phrase ‘This is’?
- Can you name three objects around you using ‘This is...’?
- Why are nouns important in describing objects?

Homework:

Assign children to find and describe five objects at home using the phrase ‘This is...’ in their handwriting books.

Conclusion:

Summarize the lesson by emphasizing the use of nouns and the phrase ‘This is’ to describe objects, fostering effective communication.

Lesson plan 16: Farm animals and present actions

Objective:

Children will identify farm animals, understand present actions, and practice choosing appropriate action words to complete sentences. They will trace and independently write sentences to reinforce understanding.

Materials:

- Handwriting books
- Pencils or markers
- Chart paper with sentences written on them
- Pictures of farm animals (cow, horse, cat, dog, etc.)
- Hands-on activity materials (e.g., animal action game)

Pre-lesson activity (Reggio Emilia approach):

1. Farm animal introduction:

Display pictures of farm animals and discuss their names and actions.

2. Present action introduction:

Use chart paper to write sentences with action words in present tense.

Lesson plan:

This detailed lesson plan integrates handwriting practice with farm animal identification and present action words, engaging children in recognizing and using action verbs while aligning with the Reggio Emilia approach, promoting interactive and experiential learning within the classroom.

1. Introduction - farm animals and present actions:

- Introduce farm animals, discussing their names and actions they do (run, eat, drink, etc.).
- Explain present actions happening right now using examples.

2. Tracing and choosing action words (writing exercise):

- Distribute handwriting books with sentences written on them.
- Instruct children to trace the sentences and choose the correct action word to fill in the blanks independently.

3. Interactive animal action game:

- Conduct an animal action game where children act out the actions of different farm animals.
- Encourage them to guess and name the actions they are portraying.

4. Completing sentences with action words:

- Display sentences with blanks and guide children in choosing the correct action words.
- Have children individually fill in the blanks with the appropriate action words.

5. Discussion and reinforcement:

- Engage children in discussions about farm animals and their actions.
- Reinforce the use of present tense action words to describe what animals are doing.

6. Assessment questions:

- How do we know what actions animals are doing right now?
- Can you name three actions farm animals do on a farm?
- Why is it important to use the correct action word in a sentence?

Homework:

Assign children to observe animals around them and write three sentences using present tense action words in their handwriting books.

Conclusion:

Summarize the lesson by emphasizing the use of present tense action words to describe farm animals' actions, promoting effective communication.

Lesson plan 17: Social studies vocabulary

Objective:

Children will learn and practice writing vocabulary words related to social studies while understanding basic concepts about the world.

Materials:

- Handwriting books
- Pencils or markers
- Chart paper with vocabulary words written on them
- Globe or world map
- Hands-on activity materials (e.g., weather chart creation)

Pre-lesson activity (Reggio Emilia approach):

1. Social studies introduction:

Display a globe or world map and discuss it, asking children what they know about the world.

2. Vocabulary introduction:

Write the vocabulary words on chart paper, explaining each word's meaning briefly.

Lesson plan:

This detailed lesson plan integrates handwriting practice with social studies vocabulary learning, engaging children in exploring words related to our world and environment while aligning with the Reggio Emilia approach, encouraging interactive and experiential learning within the classroom.

1. Introduction - social studies vocabulary:

- Introduce social studies as a subject that teaches us about the world and its elements.
- Discuss each vocabulary word (world, planet, earth, etc.) briefly, connecting them to our environment.

2. Tracing and writing vocabulary words (writing exercise):

- Distribute handwriting books with vocabulary words written on them.
- Instruct children to trace each word twice and then write them independently.

3. Interactive vocabulary review:

- Engage children in discussions about the meanings of vocabulary words.
- Encourage children to share their understanding of these words using simple sentences.

4. Hands-on weather chart activity:

- Create a weather chart with visuals depicting the words (rain, cloud, weather, etc.).
- Discuss different weather elements and their significance.

5. Assessment Questions:

- Can you explain what the word 'planet' means?
- How do we describe the 'weather'?
- Why is it important to learn about the 'earth'?

Homework:

Assign children to draw and label a simple weather chart in their handwriting books using the vocabulary words.

Conclusion:

Summarize the lesson by emphasizing the importance of understanding these social studies vocabulary words in our daily lives.

Lesson plan 18: Math vocabulary

Objective:

Children will learn and practice writing math-related vocabulary words while understanding basic mathematical concepts.

Materials:

- Handwriting books
- Pencils or markers
- Chart paper with vocabulary words written on them
- Shapes cutouts (square, circle, oval)
- Objects for comparison (taller, shorter, bigger, smaller, heavy, light)
- Hands-on activity materials (e.g., measuring length and width with rulers)

Pre-lesson activity (Reggio Emilia approach):

1. Introduction to math:

Discuss math as a subject that helps us understand numbers, shapes, and sizes.

2. Vocabulary introduction:

Write the vocabulary words on chart paper, explaining the meaning of each word.

Lesson plan:

This detailed lesson plan integrates handwriting practice with math vocabulary learning, engaging children in exploring words related to shapes, sizes, and measurements while aligning with the Reggio Emilia approach, promoting interactive and experiential learning within the classroom.

1. Introduction - math vocabulary:

- Introduce math-related words (square, circle, etc.) and briefly explain their meanings.
- Relate each word to real-life examples, such as shapes and sizes.

2. Tracing and writing math vocabulary (writing exercise):

- Distribute handwriting books with vocabulary words written on them.
- Instruct children to trace each word twice and then write them independently.

3. Interactive vocabulary review:

- Use shape cutouts (square, circle, oval) and ask children to identify and describe them using the related vocabulary words.
- Use objects (taller, shorter, etc.) for comparison and ask children to describe them using appropriate words.

4. Hands-on measurement activity:

- Provide rulers and objects of different sizes.
- Instruct children to measure the length and width of objects and describe them using vocabulary words.

5. Assessment questions:

- Can you explain what a 'square' looks like?
- How do we describe an object that is 'smaller' than another object?
- What does 'length' mean when we measure something?

Homework:

Assign children to find three objects at home and describe their size using the vocabulary words.

Conclusion:

Summarize the lesson by emphasizing the importance of understanding these math vocabulary words in our daily lives and how they help us describe shapes, sizes, and measurements.

Lesson plan 19: Science vocabulary

Objective:

Children will learn and practice writing science-related vocabulary words while understanding basic concepts related to the human body and celestial bodies.

Materials:

- Handwriting books
- Pencils or markers
- Chart paper with vocabulary words written on them
- Visual aids (pictures or diagrams of human body parts, images of the sun and moon)
- Hands-on activity materials (e.g., body part labeling, solar system demonstration)

Pre-lesson activity (reggio emilia approach):

1. Introduction to science:

Discuss science as a subject that helps us understand the world, including the human body and celestial bodies.

2. Vocabulary introduction:

Display pictures or diagrams of body parts and celestial bodies, labeling each part and explaining their functions.

Lesson plan:

This detailed lesson plan integrates handwriting practice with science-related vocabulary learning, engaging children in exploring words related to the human body and celestial bodies while aligning with the Reggio Emilia approach, promoting interactive and experiential learning within the classroom.

1. Introduction - science vocabulary:

- Introduce science-related words (sun, moon, etc.) and briefly explain their significance and role.
- Discuss the human body parts and their functions (face, eyes, heart, etc.).

2. Tracing and writing science vocabulary (writing exercise):

- Distribute handwriting books with vocabulary words written on them.
- Instruct children to trace each word twice and then write them independently.

3. Interactive vocabulary review:

- Use visual aids (pictures or diagrams) to help children recognize and identify each body part and celestial body.
- Engage children in discussions about the functions and importance of these parts and celestial bodies.

4. Hands-on body parts labeling activity:

- Provide diagrams of the human body without labels.
- Instruct children to label the body parts using the vocabulary words learned.

5. Solar System Demonstration:

- Demonstrate the solar system using images or models of the sun and moon.
- Discuss the sun's role, the moon's phases, and their significance.

6. Assessment Questions:

- What does the 'sun' provide for us on Earth?
- How do our 'eyes' help us?
- Can you name two functions of the 'heart'?

Homework:

Assign children to draw and label a simple diagram of the human face, including the labeled body parts.

Conclusion:

Summarize the lesson by emphasizing the importance of understanding these science vocabulary words in understanding our bodies and the universe.

Lesson plan 20: Numbers in words

Objective:

Children will learn and practice writing number names from 51 to 75 in order to reinforce their understanding of number words.

Materials:

- Handwriting books
- Pencils or markers
- Chart paper with numbers written in words (51-75)
- Number cards or flashcards (optional)
- Hands-on activity materials (e.g., number word hunt)

Pre-lesson activity (Reggio Emilia approach):

1. Introduction to number words:

Display number cards or chart paper with numbers written in words.

2. Engaging pre-lesson activity:

Conduct a number word hunt, asking children to find and match number words to corresponding numeral cards.

Lesson plan:

This detailed lesson plan integrates handwriting practice with learning number words, engaging children in exploring and writing number names while aligning with the Reggio Emilia approach, promoting interactive and experiential learning within the classroom.

1. Introduction - numbers in words:

- Introduce number words from 51 to 75, explaining the names of each number word.
- Discuss the pattern and structure of number words.

2. Tracing and writing number words (writing exercise):

- Distribute handwriting books with number words written on them.
- Instruct children to trace each number word and then write them independently within given lines.

3. Interactive number word review:

- Use number cards or flashcards to engage children in identifying and matching number words to numerals.
- Conduct a fun activity where children order the number words from 51 to 75.

4. Hands-on number word hunt:

- Hide number words around the classroom.
- Ask children to find and read the number words they find.

5. Assessment questions:

- Can you write the number word for 63?
- What number word comes after 69?
- How do you write the number word for 55?

Homework:

Assign children to write the number words from 51 to 75 in their handwriting books as a review.

Conclusion:

Summarize the lesson by emphasizing the importance of understanding and correctly writing number words from 51 to 75.

Lesson plan 21: Handwriting exploration – letters and envelopes

Objective:

Children will learn the basics of letter writing, addressing envelopes, and understanding the purpose of written communication while reinforcing handwriting skills.

Materials:

- Handwriting books
- Pencils or markers
- Envelopes
- Chart paper with examples of properly addressed envelopes
- Visual aids depicting stamps, addresses, and letters
- QR code scanner (prepared by the teacher)

Pre-lesson activity (Reggio Emilia approach):

1. Introduction to written communication:

- Display visuals of letters, envelopes, stamps, and addresses.
- Encourage a discussion on the purpose of letters and why people write them.

2. Creative pre-lesson activity: letter design and delivery

- Provide children with blank papers and art supplies.
- Ask them to design their own letters, focusing on creativity and expression.
- Role-play a mini “letter delivery” activity where children exchange their letters within the classroom.

Lesson plan:

By integrating hands-on activities, discussions, and visual aids, this lesson plan encourages children to explore the world of written communication while reinforcing handwriting skills and embracing the Reggio Emilia approach’s emphasis on experiential learning and creativity.

1. Understanding letters and envelopes:

- Define and discuss what a letter, envelope, and address are.
- Explore reasons why people write letters and discuss the importance of written communication.

2. Addressing envelopes (hands-on activity):

- Distribute envelopes to each child.
- Guide them through the process of writing their own addresses on the envelopes, emphasizing proper formatting.

3. Exploration of additional envelope contents:

- Show examples of what else goes on an envelope (e.g., return address, postal codes).
- Discuss the purpose and importance of including this information.

4. Role of stamps and postal systems:

- Explain what stamps are and their role in sending letters.
- Discuss how the postal system works and estimate the time it takes for a letter to reach its recipient.

5. QR code video integration:

- QR code scanner: Prepare a QR code leading to a video demonstrating the process of writing an address, using stamps, and the journey of a letter from sender to recipient.
- Use the QR code scanner in class to play the video, enhancing understanding through visual aids.

Assessment questions:

1. Why is it important to include a return address on an envelope?
2. What is the purpose of a stamp when sending a letter?
3. How would you write an address on an envelope in the correct format?

Homework:

Ask children to write a letter to a family member or friend. Include a properly addressed envelope with a stamp and a return address.

Conclusion:

Provide envelopes and ask the children to fill out any mock address for practice.

Lesson plan 22: Handwriting exploration – letter writing

Objective:

To introduce grade 1 children to the basics of letter writing by tracing a given letter and understanding the significance of personal communication through letters.

Materials:

- Handwriting books
- Pencils or markers
- Chart paper with examples of letters
- Blank papers
- Visual aids depicting letters and envelopes
- Classroom discussion board or space for collaborative drawing

Pre-lesson activity (Reggio Emilia approach):

1. Introduction to letters:

- Display visuals of different letters and discuss their shapes and purposes.
- Engage children in a collaborative drawing activity where they draw and discuss their favorite letters, emphasizing creativity.

2. Creative pre-lesson activity: letter design and discussion

- Provide blank papers and art supplies.
- Ask children to design a decorative letter of their choice, using colors and patterns to make it visually appealing.
- Initiate a discussion about why they chose that specific letter and what it means to them.

Lesson plan:

1. Understanding the basics of a letter:

- Define what a letter is and discuss its purpose in personal communication.
- Encourage children to share experiences or stories about receiving or sending letters.

2. Tracing the given letter:

- Distribute handwriting books with a specific letter template.
- Instruct children to trace the letter carefully and write their names at the end of the tracing exercise.

3. Discussion on letter delivery:

- Talk about the time it takes for a letter to reach its recipient.
- Discuss reasons why people might not write letters as frequently nowadays, exploring technological advancements and changes in communication habits.

Assessment Questions:

1. Why do people write letters? What makes letters special?
2. How long do you think it might take for a letter to reach someone far away?
3. In what ways has technology changed how we communicate compared to writing letters?

Homework:

Ask children to write a short letter to someone they care about, expressing their feelings or sharing a simple story. Encourage them to use the traced letter as a guide in their handwriting books.

Conclusion:

Summarize the importance of letters as a personal and thoughtful means of communication. Emphasize the uniqueness of each letter and encourage children to practice writing letters to express themselves and connect with others. Through tracing and understanding the concept of letter writing, children can appreciate the significance of this form of communication in today's digital age.

Lesson plan 23: Rhyme time – trace and write

Objective:

To familiarize grade 1 children with rhyming words and enhance their handwriting skills by tracing and completing sentences with matching rhyming words.

Materials:

- Handwriting books with rhyme-based sentences
- Pencils or markers
- Chart paper with rhyming words and corresponding images
- Rhyming word flashcards or cards with matching pairs
- Blank papers
- Classroom discussion board or space for collaborative word association
- QR code scanner

Pre-lesson activity (Reggio Emilia approach):

1. Introduction to rhyming words:

- Display visuals of rhyming word pairs and their corresponding images.
- Engage children in a collaborative word association activity. Ask them to contribute words that rhyme with a given word.

2. Creative pre-lesson activity: rhyme matching game

- Use flashcards or cards with rhyming word pairs.
- Organize a game where children match rhyming words and their corresponding pairs. Encourage discussions about why those words rhyme.

Lesson plan:

1. Understanding rhyming words:

- Explain what rhyming words are and provide examples.
- Show how words sound alike at the end (or within) and have similar spelling patterns.

2. QR code activity (interactive enhancement):

- Prepare a QR code that leads to a video explaining rhyming words specifically.
- Have children use devices with QR code scanners to watch the video for further understanding.

3. Tracing and completing sentences:

- Distribute handwriting books with sentences having blanks for rhyming words.
- Instruct children to circle the correct rhyming word from options and then fill in the blank with the chosen word.

4. Interactive rhyme completion:

- Use chart paper with incomplete rhyming sentences.
- Engage children in completing these sentences aloud, encouraging participation and discussion.

Assessment questions:

1. Can you name two words that rhyme with “cat”?
2. Which word rhymes with “bike” - kite or hat?
3. Can you complete this sentence with a rhyming word: “I saw a mouse, hiding in the _____”?

Homework:

Ask children to create their own rhyming sentences using words from a given list. Encourage them to trace these sentences in their handwriting books.

Summary:

Rhyming words are not only fun but also help us identify patterns in language. By tracing and completing sentences with matching rhymes, children strengthen their understanding of word sounds while improving their handwriting. Through interactive activities and engagement, this lesson encourages creativity and reinforces the connection between language, writing, and sound patterns.

Lesson plan 24: Exploring descriptive words

Objective:

To introduce grade 1 children to descriptive words (adjectives) and enhance their understanding of how adjectives describe animals, while practicing handwriting by completing sentences with appropriate descriptive words.

Materials:

- Handwriting books with sentences describing animals
- Pencils or markers
- Chart paper with examples of descriptive words and corresponding images
- Animal picture cards or images for hands-on activities
- Blank papers
- Classroom discussion board or space for collaborative word association
- QR code scanner

Pre-lesson activity (Reggio Emilia approach):

1. Introduction to descriptive words:

- Display visuals of descriptive words (adjectives) with corresponding images or objects.
- Engage children in a discussion about describing things using words. Encourage them to share adjectives they already know.

2. Creative pre-lesson activity: describe and match animals

- Use animal picture cards or images.
- Ask children to describe each animal using adjectives and match descriptive words to the animals they describe.

Lesson plan:

1. Understanding descriptive words (adjectives):

- Define adjectives as words that describe or modify nouns (like animals).
- Provide examples of each descriptive word (round, huge, pretty, long) with practical examples related to animals.

2. QR code activity (interactive enhancement):

- Prepare a QR code that leads to a video explaining descriptive words and its usage specifically.
- Have children use devices with QR code scanners to watch the video for further understanding.

3. Completing sentences with descriptive words:

- Distribute handwriting books with sentences about animals having blanks for descriptive words.
- Instruct children to fill in the blanks with the appropriate descriptive word from the given list.

4. Interactive animal description activity:

- Use chart paper with images of animals and descriptive words.
- Engage children in a discussion about how each animal can be described using the given adjectives.

Assessment questions:

1. Which word describes an elephant's size - round, huge, pretty, or long?
2. What word could describe a peacock's feathers - round, huge, pretty, or long?
3. Can you describe a snake using one of the given descriptive words?

Homework:

Ask children to draw their favorite animal and write a sentence describing it using one of the descriptive words learned in class. Encourage them to trace their sentences in their handwriting books.

Summary:

Descriptive words (adjectives) help us express qualities and characteristics of things around us. By exploring words like round, huge, pretty, and long in relation to animals, children not only enhance their vocabulary but also understand how words can vividly describe objects. Incorporating hands-on activities and discussions promotes a deeper understanding of language and reinforces handwriting skills in an engaging way.

Lesson plan 25: Exploring describing words and naming words

Objective:

To reinforce grade 1 children' understanding of descriptive words (adjectives) and naming words (nouns) by connecting descriptive words to suitable naming words through a matching activity, promoting handwriting practice and language comprehension.

Materials:

- Handwriting books with spaces for drawing lines to match descriptive words and naming words
- Pencils or markers
- Chart paper with examples of adjectives and corresponding nouns
- Picture cards of various objects or animals for hands-on activities
- Blank papers
- Classroom discussion board or space for collaborative word association

Pre-lesson activity (Reggio Emilia approach):

1. Review of describing and naming words:

- Display visuals of descriptive words (adjectives) and naming words (nouns) with corresponding images or objects.
- Engage children in discussions about how adjectives describe nouns and why it's important to use both in sentences.

2. Creative pre-lesson activity: match adjectives to nouns

- Use picture cards of objects or animals.
- Ask children to match descriptive words to the appropriate nouns by discussing which words best describe each object or animal.

Lesson plan:

1. Understanding descriptive and naming words:

- Review adjectives as words that describe or modify nouns (naming words).
- Provide examples of descriptive words and naming words with practical examples, explaining how descriptive words enhance the details of naming words.

2. Matching descriptive words to naming words:

- Distribute handwriting books with spaces for drawing lines to match adjectives to nouns.
- Instruct children to connect the appropriate descriptive word to the corresponding noun by drawing a line.

3. Interactive descriptive word activity:

- Use chart paper with mixed-up descriptive words and nouns.
- Engage children in a game where they race to match adjectives to nouns, fostering engagement and reinforcing understanding.

Assessment questions:

1. How do descriptive words (adjectives) help enhance naming words (nouns)?
2. Can you match the adjective “big” to a suitable noun?
3. Explain why using describing words with naming words is important in sentences.

Homework:

Ask children to create their own matching activity by drawing pictures of objects or animals and providing spaces for peers to match appropriate descriptive words to the naming words.

Summary:

Descriptive words (adjectives) add detail and vividness to naming words (nouns), enhancing our descriptions and understanding of things around us. By practicing the connection between adjectives and nouns through a matching activity, children reinforce their understanding of how descriptive words complement naming words in forming meaningful sentences. Incorporating interactive activities promotes engagement and encourages active participation in language learning and handwriting practice.

Lesson plan 26: Exploring pronouns

Objective:

To introduce children to pronouns (he, she, it, we, I) and demonstrate their usage in forming sentences while enhancing handwriting skills through sentence construction.

Materials:

- Handwriting books
- Pencils or markers
- Chart paper with examples of pronouns and corresponding sentences
- Picture cards depicting various individuals and objects for hands-on activities
- Blank papers
- Classroom discussion board or space for collaborative sentence creation
- QR code scanner

Pre-lesson activity (Reggio Emilia approach):

1. Introduction to pronouns:

- Display visuals of pronouns (he, she, it, we, I) with corresponding images or individuals.
- Engage children in discussions about words that can be used instead of naming words (nouns).

2. Creative pre-lesson activity: create sentences together

- Use picture cards depicting various individuals and objects.
- Collaboratively create sentences using pronouns and naming words, encouraging creativity.

Lesson plan:

1. Understanding pronouns:

- Define pronouns as words that can replace or stand in for naming words (nouns) to avoid repetition.
- Provide examples of pronouns and explain how they can be used instead of naming words.

2. Qr code activity (interactive enhancement):

- Prepare a QR code that leads to a video explaining pronouns specifically.
- Have children use devices with QR code scanners to watch the video for further understanding.

3. Forming sentences with pronouns:

- Distribute handwriting books with pictures and spaces for creating sentences.
- Prompt children to form a second sentence for each picture, choosing the correct pronoun to start their sentences.

4. Interactive pronoun sentence creation:

- Use chart paper with mixed-up pronouns and images.
- Engage children in a game where they match pronouns to the appropriate pictures, encouraging critical thinking and sentence formation.

Assessment Questions:

1. How do pronouns help us in writing and speaking without repeating naming words?
2. Can you create a sentence using the pronoun “she” for a picture of a girl?
3. Explain the difference between using a naming word and using a pronoun in a sentence.

Homework:

Ask children to draw three different pictures and create sentences for each using different pronouns learned in class. Encourage them to trace these sentences in their handwriting books.

Summary:

Pronouns are words used in place of naming words (nouns) to avoid repetition and make sentences more concise. By practicing the usage of pronouns in sentence formation, children enhance their language skills and handwriting abilities. Incorporating hands-on activities and discussions encourages independent thinking and reinforces the concept of using pronouns effectively in communication.

Lesson plan 27: Exploring pronouns - 'I', 'he', 'she', 'they'

Objective:

To reinforce the understanding of pronouns ('I', 'he', 'she', 'they') and their usage in sentences while improving handwriting through sentence completion.

Materials:

- Handwriting books
- Pencils or markers
- Chart paper with examples of pronouns and corresponding sentences
- Picture cards or images representing various individuals for hands-on activities
- Blank papers
- Classroom discussion board or space for collaborative sentence completion

Pre-lesson activity (Reggio Emilia approach):

1. Revisiting pronouns:

- Display visuals of pronouns ('I', 'he', 'she', 'they') along with corresponding images or individuals.
- Engage children in a discussion about pronouns, emphasizing their usage and differences based on gender and quantity.

2. Creative pre-lesson activity: sentence creation game

- Use picture cards or images representing different individuals or groups.
- Encourage children to create sentences using pronouns and naming words, focusing on using the appropriate pronoun for each picture.

Lesson plan:

1. Understanding pronouns and their usage:

- Review the concept of pronouns and their purpose in replacing or standing in for naming words.
- Provide examples and explanations for using 'he', 'she', 'I', and 'they' based on gender and quantity.

2. Completing sentences with pronouns:

- Distribute handwriting books.
- Prompt children to choose the correct pronoun ('I', 'he', 'she', 'they') to finish each sentence.

3. Interactive pronoun sentence formation:

- Use chart paper with mixed-up pronouns and images representing individuals or groups.
- Engage children in a game where they match the appropriate pronoun to each image, promoting critical thinking and sentence structure understanding.

Assessment questions:

1. How do pronouns like 'he' and 'she' differ in usage?
2. Can you provide an example of using 'they' for more than one person in a sentence?
3. Explain why we use 'I' to talk about ourselves and 'he' or 'she' to talk about others.

Homework:

Ask children to create sentences using different pronouns learned in class, focusing on using them correctly to describe themselves or others. Encourage them to trace these sentences in their handwriting books.

Summary:

Pronouns are words used in place of naming words (nouns) to avoid repetition and add variety to sentences. By practicing the use of 'I', 'he', 'she', and 'they' in sentence completion, children reinforce their understanding of gender-specific pronouns and the concept of singular and plural pronouns. Engaging in interactive activities fosters language development and handwriting skills in an enjoyable and participatory manner.

Lesson plan 28: Exploring 'I' and 'we' pronouns

Objective:

To reinforce the understanding of the pronouns 'I' and 'we' and their appropriate usage in sentences while practicing handwriting through tracing.

Materials:

- Handwriting books with sentences using 'I' and 'we'
- Pencils or markers
- Chart paper with examples of sentences using 'I' and 'we'
- Picture cards or images representing individuals and groups for hands-on activities
- Blank papers
- Classroom discussion board or space for collaborative sentence creation
- QR code scanner

Pre-lesson activity (Reggio Emilia approach):

1. Reviewing 'I' and 'We' pronouns:

- Display visuals of individuals and groups along with sentences using 'I' and 'we'.
- Engage children in discussions about when to use 'I' and 'we' based on personal versus group contexts.

2. Creative pre-lesson activity: sentence creation game

- Use picture cards or images representing individuals and groups.
- Prompt children to create sentences using 'I' and 'we' to describe situations involving themselves and groups.

Lesson plan:

1. Understanding 'I' and 'we' pronouns:

- Review the concept of 'I' for oneself and 'we' for a group including oneself.
- Provide examples and explanations of using 'I' and 'we' in sentences.

2. QR code activity (interactive enhancement):

- Prepare a QR code leading to an audio explanation about pronouns.
- Have children use devices with QR code scanners to listen to the audio for further understanding.

3. Tracing sentences with pronouns:

- Distribute handwriting books with sentences containing blanks for 'I' or 'we'.
- Prompt children to trace the sentences and choose the correct pronoun ('I' or 'we') to complete each sentence.

4. Interactive pronoun sentence formation:

- Use chart paper with mixed-up sentences involving 'I' and 'we'.
- Engage children in a game where they match the correct pronoun to each sentence, fostering critical thinking and understanding.

Assessment questions:

1. When would you use 'I' in a sentence? Can you give an example?
2. Explain when 'we' is used in a sentence and provide an example.
3. Can you differentiate between using 'I' and 'we' in a sentence about going to the park alone versus going with friends?

Homework:

Ask children to create three sentences using 'I' and 'we', describing individual and group activities. Encourage them to trace these sentences in their handwriting books.

Summary:

The pronouns 'I' and 'we' are used to refer to oneself and a group including oneself, respectively. By practicing tracing sentences and understanding when to use 'I' and 'we', children reinforce their understanding of personal versus group contexts in language usage. Incorporating interactive activities enhances language development and reinforces handwriting skills in an engaging and participatory manner.

Lesson plan 29: Exploring positional words (prepositions)

Objective:

To introduce children to positional words (prepositions) and reinforce their understanding by tracing sentences while identifying and underlining the positional words.

Materials:

- Handwriting books
- Pencils or markers
- Chart paper with examples of positional words and corresponding images depicting positions
- Objects representing various positions for hands-on activities (e.g., blocks, toys)
- Blank papers
- Classroom discussion board or space for collaborative identification of positional words

Pre-lesson activity (Reggio Emilia approach):

1. Introduction to positional words:

- Display visuals of positional words (prepositions) along with corresponding images depicting positions (e.g., above, below, beside).
- Engage children in discussions about where objects are located using positional words.

2. Creative pre-lesson activity: positional word hunt

- Scatter objects around the classroom in various positions (e.g., under the table, on the chair).
- Encourage children to find and describe the position of each object using positional words.

Lesson plan:

1. Understanding positional words:

- Introduce positional words (prepositions) as words that describe the location or position of objects or people.
- Provide examples of positional words with practical scenarios (e.g., above the shelf, behind the door) and explain their usage.

2. Tracing sentences and identifying positional words:

- Distribute handwriting books.
- Instruct children to trace the sentences and underline the words that describe positions.

3. Interactive positional word identification:

- Use chart paper with mixed-up sentences containing positional words.
- Engage children in a game where they identify and circle the positional words in each sentence, fostering critical thinking and understanding.

Assessment questions:

1. Can you name three positional words (prepositions)?
2. How do positional words help us describe where things are located?
3. Explain the difference between 'above' and 'below' using positional words.

Homework:

Ask children to create three sentences using positional words to describe where objects are located at home. Encourage them to underline the positional words in their sentences.

Summary:

Positional words (prepositions) describe where objects or people are located in relation to other things. By practicing tracing sentences and identifying positional words, children reinforce their understanding of spatial relationships and language use. Incorporating interactive activities fosters engagement and encourages critical thinking in language development and handwriting skills.

Lesson plan 30: Exploring punctuation in sentences

Objective:

To introduce children to punctuation (capital letters and full stops) and reinforce their understanding by rewriting sentences with correct punctuation while practicing handwriting.

Materials:

- Handwriting books
- Pencils or markers
- Chart paper with examples of sentences with proper punctuation
- Picture cards or images representing zoo animals for hands-on activities
- Blank papers
- Intentionally incorrect sentences for the role-play activity
- Classroom discussion board or space for collaborative punctuation identification

Pre-lesson activity (Reggio Emilia approach):

1. Introduction to punctuation:

- Display visuals of sentences with and without proper punctuation.
- Engage children in discussions about what punctuation marks they know (capital letters, full stops).

2. Creative pre-lesson activity: zoo animal role-play

- Use picture cards or images representing zoo animals.
- Encourage children to role-play as different zoo animals, prompting them to describe themselves using sentences with appropriate punctuation.

Lesson plan:

1. Understanding punctuation:

- Introduce capital letters at the beginning of sentences and full stops at the end.
- Provide examples of sentences with and without punctuation and explain how punctuation marks help in reading and understanding sentences.

2. Rewriting sentences with correct punctuation:

- Distribute handwriting books.
- Guide children to rewrite each sentence, starting with a capital letter and ending with a full stop.

3. Interactive punctuation identification:

- Use chart paper with mixed-up sentences lacking punctuation.
- Engage children in a game where they identify and correct the punctuation errors in each sentence, fostering critical thinking and understanding.

Assessment questions:

- What is the purpose of using capital letters and full stops in sentences?
- Can you demonstrate how to start a sentence with a capital letter and end it with a full stop?
- Explain why punctuation is important in making sentences clear and understandable.

Homework:

Ask children to write three sentences about their favorite zoo animal, ensuring they begin each sentence with a capital letter and end it with a full stop.

Summary:

Punctuation marks like capital letters and full stops help organize sentences and make them easier to read and understand. By practicing correcting sentences with proper punctuation, children reinforce their understanding of sentence structure and enhance their handwriting skills. Engaging in role-play activities and interactive games encourages active participation and supports comprehension of punctuation's role in language.

Lesson plan 31: Describing pictures and using the five senses

Objective:

To encourage children to describe a given picture using sentences, incorporating details about the scene and utilizing the five senses, followed by coloring the picture.

Materials:

- Handwriting books
- Pencils or markers for writing and coloring
- Chart paper with examples of descriptive sentences
- Various objects representing the five senses for a hands-on activity
- Blank papers
- Classroom board or space for collaborative picture description

Pre-lesson activity (Reggio Emilia approach):

1. Introduction to picture description:

- Display visuals of pictures and describe them using sentences.
- Engage children in discussions about what they see in the pictures and how they can describe them using words.

2. Creative pre-lesson activity: five senses exploration

- Use objects representing the five senses (sight, smell, touch, taste, hearing).
- Encourage children to explore these objects and describe their experiences using descriptive words.

Lesson plan:

1. Understanding picture description:

- Explain the concept of describing pictures using sentences that capture details about what is happening.
- Introduce the five senses and how they can help in describing scenes more vividly (e.g., what they see, hear, feel, smell, or taste in the picture).

2. Qr code activity (interactive enhancement):

- Prepare a QR code leading to an audio explanation on picture description.
- Have children use devices with QR code scanners to listen to the audio for further understanding.

3. Describing the given picture:

- Distribute handwriting books.
- Guide children to write sentences describing what they see in the picture, encouraging them to use details and incorporate the five senses.

4. Interactive picture description activity:

- Use a collaborative space (board or paper) for children to share their descriptive sentences about the picture.
- Encourage discussions about the variety of descriptions and how different details add to the overall understanding of the scene.

Assessment questions:

1. How can using the five senses help in describing a picture better?
2. Can you provide an example of a sentence using descriptive words to describe what you see in the picture?
3. Explain why including details like what you hear or smell in a picture description is important.

Homework:

Ask children to draw their own picture and write descriptive sentences about it, incorporating details using the five senses.

Summary:

Describing a picture involves using descriptive sentences that capture details about what is happening in the scene. By incorporating the five senses, children can add vividness and depth to their descriptions. Engaging in hands-on activities and discussions fosters language development and encourages creativity in both writing and visual representation.

Lesson plan 32: Understanding commands and requests

Objective:

To introduce children to commands and requests, differentiate between them, and practice tracing sentences that demonstrate each.

Materials:

- Handwriting books
- Pencils or markers for tracing
- Chart paper with examples of commands and requests
- Objects or visuals representing commands and requests for a hands-on activity
- Blank papers
- Classroom board or space for collaborative discussion on commands and requests

Pre-lesson activity (Reggio Emilia approach):

1. Introduction to commands and requests:

- Display visuals or objects representing commands (orders) and requests (asking for something politely).
- Engage children in discussions about situations where they follow commands and make requests.

2. Creative pre-lesson activity: role-play commands and requests

- Role-play scenarios where children act out giving commands and making requests to each other.
- Encourage them to differentiate between the two types of sentences used in each scenario.

Lesson plan:

1. Understanding commands and requests:

- Define commands as sentences that tell someone to do something (orders).
- Define requests as sentences that ask for something politely.

2. Tracing sentences demonstrating commands and requests:

- Distribute handwriting books.
- Guide children to read and trace sentences, identifying and differentiating between commands and requests.

3. Interactive discussion on commands and requests:

- Use chart paper with mixed-up sentences showing commands and requests.
- Engage children in a discussion to categorize sentences as commands or requests and explain why each fall into its category.

Assessment Questions:

1. Can you give an example of a command?
2. How would you ask for something politely? Give an example of a request.
3. Explain the difference between a command and a request using real-life scenarios.

Homework:

Ask children to write three sentences: one command and two requests, focusing on using appropriate language for each.

Summary:

Commands are sentences that give orders or instructions, while requests are sentences that ask for something politely. By understanding the difference between the two and practicing tracing sentences, children reinforce their knowledge of language and communication. Incorporating hands-on activities and discussions encourages active participation and reinforces comprehension of commands and requests.

Lesson plan 33: About me ...

Objective:

To reinforce handwriting skills while tracing and writing sentences related to daily routines and responsibilities.

Materials:

- Handwriting books
- Pencils or markers
- Chart paper with examples of neat handwriting
- Blank papers
- Classroom discussion board or space for collaborative sentence creation

Pre-lesson activity (Reggio Emilia approach):

1. Introduction to neat handwriting:

- Display visuals of neat handwriting examples.
- Engage children in discussions about the importance of writing neatly.

2. Creative pre-lesson activity: sentence creation game

- Use blank papers and encourage children to create sentences about their own daily routines and responsibilities.

Lesson Plan:

1. Tracing and writing sentences:

- Distribute handwriting books.
- Guide children to trace the sentence and then try writing them on their own within the provided lines.

2. Interactive discussion on responsibility:

- Discuss the importance of finishing homework daily.
- Encourage children to share their thoughts on why this activity is important.

Assessment questions:

1. Why is it important to finish homework every day?
2. How does sharing help others?
3. What are the benefits of exercising regularly?

Homework:

Ask children to write three sentences about their own daily habits and responsibilities, focusing on neat handwriting.

Summary:

By tracing and writing sentences about daily routines and responsibilities, children reinforce handwriting skills while reflecting on the importance of these activities in their lives.

Lesson Plan 34: Additional lesson plan (1): About me ... continued

Objective:

To practice handwriting while tracing and independently writing sentences related to responsibilities and sharing.

Materials:

- Handwriting books
- Pencils or markers
- Chart paper with examples of responsibility-related sentences
- Blank papers
- Classroom discussion board or space for collaborative sentence creation

Pre-lesson activity (Reggio Emilia approach):

1. Discussion on sharing and responsibilities:

- Engage children in discussions about why sharing and completing responsibilities are important.

2. Creative pre-lesson activity: sentence creation

- Encourage children to brainstorm and create sentences about their responsibilities.

Lesson plan:

1. Tracing and writing sentences:

- Distribute handwriting books.
- Guide children to trace and then independently write the sentences provided.

2. Interactive discussion on responsibility:

- Encourage children to discuss instances when they shared or fulfilled responsibilities.

Assessment questions:

1. Why is it important to share things with others?
2. What responsibilities do you have at home or school?
3. How does completing homework regularly help you?

Homework:

Ask children to write three sentences about their own responsibilities, emphasizing neat handwriting.

Summary:

Through tracing and writing sentences about responsibilities and sharing, children reinforce handwriting skills while reflecting on their own roles and duties.

Lesson plan 35: Additional lesson plan (2): About me ... continued

Objective:

To reinforce handwriting skills while tracing and writing sentences related to achieving personal goals.

Materials:

- Handwriting books
- Pencils or markers
- Chart paper with examples of goal-related sentences
- Blank papers
- Classroom discussion board or space for collaborative sentence creation

Pre-lesson activity (Reggio Emilia approach):

1. Discussion on goal setting:

- Engage children in discussions about setting personal goals and achieving them.

2. Creative pre-lesson activity: sentence creation

- Encourage children to brainstorm and create sentences about their goals.

Lesson plan:

1. Tracing and writing sentences:

- Distribute handwriting books with sentences related to achieving personal goals.
- Guide children to trace and then independently write the sentences provided.

2. Interactive discussion on achieving goals:

- Encourage children to share their own goals and discuss steps to achieve them.

Assessment questions:

1. Why is it important to exercise every day?
2. How does finishing homework help you achieve your goals?
3. What goals have you set for yourself?

Homework:

Ask children to write three sentences about their personal goals, focusing on neat handwriting.

Summary:

Through tracing and writing sentences about achieving personal goals, children practice handwriting while reflecting on their aspirations and efforts toward achieving them.

Lesson plan 36: Story comprehension – tracing words

Objective:

To introduce the concept of story comprehension and practice handwriting skills by tracing words from a story.

Materials:

- Handwriting books with the story “The Shepherd Boy and the Fox”
- Audio or reading of the story
- Pencils or markers
- Chart paper with examples of tracing words
- Blank papers
- Classroom board or space for collaborative tracing
- QR code scanner

Pre-lesson activity (Reggio Emilia approach):

1. Introduction to story comprehension:

- Discuss the importance of listening to stories and understanding them.
- Engage children in a brief discussion about the elements of a story.

2. Creative pre-lesson activity: tracing words game

- Use blank papers and encourage children to trace simple words from the story.

Lesson plan:

1. Listening and tracing words:

- Play the audio (by scanning the given QR code) or read aloud the story “The Shepherd Boy and the Fox”.
- Instruct children to listen carefully and point to the words they hear in their handwriting books.

2. Interactive tracing exercise:

- Distribute handwriting books with the story text.
- Guide children to trace the words from the story onto their books, emphasizing neat handwriting.

3. Discussion on story understanding:

- Engage children in a discussion about the story, asking them about the characters and events.
- Encourage them to express their understanding of the story.

Assessment questions:

1. Who were the characters in the story “The Shepherd Boy and the Fox”?
2. What did the boy do that led to losing his sheep?
3. How did the villagers react to the boy’s calls for help?

Homework:

Ask children to draw their favorite part of the story and write a sentence describing it.

Summary:

By listening to and tracing words from the story, children practice handwriting skills while enhancing their comprehension of the story’s content.

Lesson plan 37: Story comprehension – sentence completion

Objective:

To reinforce comprehension skills by completing sentences from the story “The Shepherd Boy and the Fox”.

Materials:

- Handwriting books
- Pencils or markers
- Chart paper with examples of sentence completion
- Blank papers
- Classroom board or space for collaborative sentence completion

Pre-lesson activity (Reggio Emilia approach):

1. Recap of story:

- Briefly recap the story “The Shepherd Boy and the Fox”.
- Engage children in discussions about the events in the story.

2. Creative pre-lesson activity: sentence completion game

- Use blank papers and encourage children to complete simple sentences related to the story.

Lesson plan:

1. Reading and completing sentences:

- Distribute handwriting books.
- Instruct children to read the sentences from the story and fill in the blanks accordingly.

2. Interactive sentence completion exercise:

- Guide children to complete the sentences using appropriate words from the story.
- Encourage them to write the completed sentences neatly in their handwriting books.

3. Discussion on story elements:

- Engage children in a discussion about the significance of the completed sentences in relation to the story’s plot.
- Encourage them to share their interpretations of the story.

Assessment questions:

1. What happened when the boy called for help the first time?
2. Why did the villagers not believe the boy the second time he called for help?
3. What lesson can we learn from the story “The Shepherd Boy and the Fox”?

Homework:

Ask children to write a short paragraph summarizing the story “The Shepherd Boy and the Fox”.

Summary:

By completing sentences from the story, children reinforce their comprehension skills while connecting the story’s elements and enhancing their handwriting abilities.

Lesson plan 38: Exploring favorite words and creating sentences

Objective:

To engage children in selecting and writing their favorite words, followed by creating sentences using these words to practice handwriting and sentence formation.

Materials:

- Handwriting books
- Pencils or markers
- Chart paper with examples of sentences
- Blank papers
- Classroom board or space for collaborative sentence creation

Pre-lesson activity (Reggio Emilia approach):

1. Introduction to favorite words:

- Discuss the concept of favorite words and why certain words are special to individuals.
- Engage children in a conversation about their favorite words and why they like them.

2. Creative pre-lesson activity: word selection game

- Use blank papers and encourage children to write down their favorite words from the provided list.

Lesson plan:

1. Choosing and writing favorite words:

- Provide the list of words (present in the book) and instruct children to choose five words they like.
- Guide them to copy these words neatly into their handwriting books.

2. Creating sentences with chosen words:

- Distribute blank papers and encourage children to create sentences using the words they selected.
- Assist children as they write sentences independently, incorporating their chosen words.

3. Interactive sharing and discussion:

- Invite children to share the sentences they created with their favorite words.
- Engage in a discussion about how sentences convey meaning and the importance of choosing the right words.

Assessment :

1. Why did you choose these particular words as your favorites?
2. Can you read one of your sentences aloud and explain why you used that specific word in the sentence?
3. How do sentences help us communicate our thoughts and ideas?

Homework:

Ask children to write a short paragraph describing why they chose a particular word as their favorite, using sentences to express their thoughts clearly.

Summary:

By selecting and writing down their favorite words, and subsequently creating sentences using these words, children practice handwriting skills while expressing their preferences and thoughts. Engaging in discussions about the chosen words and their use in sentences encourages language development and independent writing.

Lesson plan 39: Phonics reading assessment

Objective:

To conduct a comprehensive phonics reading assessment to evaluate children's ability to blend and segment letters to read words and reinforce their understanding through interactive activities.

Materials:

- Phonics reading assessment words list
- Handwriting books
- Pencils or markers
- Chart paper with phonics examples (blending and segmenting)
- Flashcards or written words for pre-lesson activity
- Classroom board or space for collaborative activities

Pre-lesson activity (Reggio Emilia approach):

1. Introduction to phonics reading:

- Display phonics examples of blending (combining sounds) and segmenting (breaking words into sounds).
- Engage children in discussions about how sounds come together to form words.

2. Creative pre-lesson activity: word blending game

- Use flashcards or written words to create a word blending game where children blend sounds to form complete words.
- Encourage children to take turns blending sounds to read the words.

Lesson plan:

1. Phonics reading assessment:

- Distribute the phonics reading assessment words list.
- Instruct children to read each word aloud, emphasizing blending and segmenting the sounds within the words.

2. Individual reading and writing activity:

- Provide handwriting books for each child.
- Ask children to select three words from the assessment list and write them neatly in their books, focusing on correct letter formation.

3. Interactive discussion and guidance:

- Review the assessment words with the children, emphasizing the process of blending and segmenting.
- Engage in discussions about how blending sounds together and segmenting them help in reading and understanding words.

4. Collaborative reinforcement activity: word building

- Use the classroom board or space to create a word-building activity.
- Divide the class into small groups and provide them with letters to form different words from the assessment list. Encourage them to blend the sounds together.

Assessment questions:

1. How did you approach blending and segmenting sounds to read the words in the assessment?
2. Can you explain the difference between blending and segmenting sounds when reading?
3. How might understanding phonics assist you in reading new or unfamiliar words?

Homework:

Assign children to select three new words and write sentences using those words, focusing on blending and segmenting sounds accurately.

Summary:

Conducting a detailed phonics reading assessment allows for the evaluation of children's abilities to blend and segment sounds to read words. Interactive discussions, individual writing activities, and collaborative word-building exercises reinforce their understanding and application of phonics skills. Engaging in a hands-on pre-lesson activity promotes active participation and aids in strengthening phonemic awareness.

Why Do Some Grade 1 Children Find Learning Challenging?

For the children in grade 1, learning new content might seem a little puzzling at times. Each child is unique, and sometimes they might feel different things. Some may find it hard to understand words or focus, while others might feel a bit worried or unsure, making it tough to learn and play with friends.

At home, not having many things to play and learn with, or not getting much help from grown-ups, can make learning tricky. Also, some children might struggle to remember things or pay attention because of how they feel or if they are not feeling well.

The way teachers teach in class or how the classroom is set up can also make a difference. If lessons do not match how some children learn, or if there are too many children in the class, learning might be tough too.

Understanding why learning can be tricky for some children is important. It helps teachers provide the right help and make learning fun for everyone, making sure each child feels special and capable in their own way.

Reggio Emilia approach on aiding struggling children in learning to trace and form sentences

The Reggio Emilia approach is centered on the idea that children learn best through exploration, play, and hands-on experiences. When it comes to aiding struggling grade 1 children in learning to trace and form sentences, this approach emphasizes a few key principles:

Child-Centered Learning: The approach prioritizes the interests and strengths of each child. Teachers observe and understand what engages and motivates the child, using those interests as a starting point for learning activities.

Project-Based Learning: Learning is often organized around projects that stem from the children's curiosity. For sentence tracing and formation, this might involve projects that incorporate storytelling, creating books, or thematic units focused on building sentences around a particular topic.

Multi-sensory Activities: To aid in tracing and sentence formation, educators in the Reggio Emilia approach use multi-sensory activities. They might incorporate sensory materials like sand trays for letter tracing, building sentences with tactile materials, or engaging in activities that involve movement, visuals, and auditory components.

Collaboration and Communication: Children are encouraged to collaborate with peers, express their ideas, and communicate their thoughts. This might involve group activities where they collectively form sentences, share stories, or collaborate on writing projects.

Documentation and Reflection: Teachers document the learning process, including the struggles and achievements of each child. This helps in understanding the child's progress and adjusting teaching strategies accordingly.

Reggio Emilia-inspired activities to assist struggling children

The Reggio Emilia approach, with its focus on child-led learning, creativity, and exploration, offers several activities that can support struggling grade 1 children. Here are some Reggio Emilia-inspired activities tailored for these children:

Storytelling and Narrative Building: Encourage children to create stories based on their interests. Provide props, such as puppets, story stones, or picture cards, to help them structure their narratives. This activity supports struggling children by allowing them to express themselves creatively while practicing forming sentences and organizing thoughts.

Multi-sensory Letter Tracing: Utilize various materials like sand, salt trays, or finger painting to help children trace letters. This hands-on approach engages different senses, making it easier for struggling learners to grasp letter formation and improve their fine motor skills.

Collaborative Book Creation: Divide children into small groups and assign each group a topic. Encourage them to collectively write and illustrate a book on their chosen subject. This collaborative effort fosters teamwork, allows struggling children to contribute ideas within a supportive environment, and helps them practice sentence formation.

Nature Journals or Observation Books: Take children on nature walks or provide interesting objects to observe. Ask them to draw and write about what they see in their observation books. This activity promotes writing skills, encourages observation, and allows struggling children to engage in hands-on learning.

Word Games and Rhymes: Incorporate word games, rhymes, and songs into daily activities. For instance, create word puzzles, sing rhyming songs, or play rhyming games to make learning language skills enjoyable and accessible for struggling learners.

Art and Language Integration: Integrate art activities with language development. For example, ask children to draw a picture and then describe it in a few sentences. This method allows struggling children to express themselves visually while practicing sentence structure and vocabulary.

Community Projects: Engage children in projects that involve the community, such as writing letters to local businesses or creating posters for community events. This not only enhances their writing skills but also fosters a sense of purpose and connection with their surroundings.

Section III

Worksheet 1

Adjective for emotions

Read, trace, and copy the following emotions.

astonished

frightened

sickly

distressed

sleepy

amused

resentful

angry

embarrassed

cheeky

happy

thoughtful

calm

sad

Worksheet 2

Using am or is.

Fill in the blanks.

1. They _____ singing a song.

2. Sarah _____ dancing in the room.

3. The dog _____ barking loudly.

4. We _____ watching a movie.

5. The birds _____ flying in the sky.

6. She _____ climbing a tree.

7. I _____ reading a book.

8. Jack _____ swimming.

9. He _____ making a sandcastle.

10. I _____ playing cricket.

Worksheet 3

Verbs (actions)

Choose a verb to describe each picture and write a sentence.

drawing	wagging	packing	hiking
feeling	creating	singing	



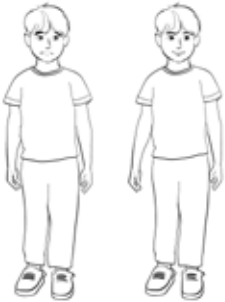












Worksheet 4

Code word challenge

Use the grid below to fill in the names of the creatures.



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1 = a	6 = f	11 = k	16 = p	21 = u
2 = b	7 = g	12 = l	17 = q	22 = v
3 = c	8 = h	13 = m	18 = r	23 = w
4 = d	9 = i	14 = n	19 = s	24 = x
5 = e	10 = j	15 = o	20 = t	25 = y

Worksheet 5

Guess the professional

I teach in school. Who am I?

I am a _____.

I cook in the kitchen. Who am I?

I am a _____.

I drive a bus. Who am I?

I am a _____.

I cut and style hair. Who am I?

I am a _____.

I treat sick people. Who am I?

I am a _____.

Worksheet 6

Pronouns (1)

Replace 'I' with the pronoun 'she'.

Example: I am a typist. She is a typist.

I am a teacher.

I am a cook.

I am a hairdresser.

I am a bus driver.

I am a doctor.

Worksheet 7

Pronouns (2)

Replace 'I' with the pronoun 'he'.

Example: I am a typist. He is a typist.

I am a teacher.

I am a cook.

I am a hairdresser.

I am a bus driver.

I am a doctor.

Worksheet 8

Proper nouns

Answer each question using proper nouns.

Who is your best friend?

What are the names of your family members?

Where do you live?

What school do you go to?

What is your favourite book?

What is your favourite television programme?

Worksheet 9

Nouns

Write a sentence for each of the following nouns.

banana

cake

elephant

calculator

alien

light

length

happiness

Worksheet 10

Nouns part 2

Write a sentence for each of the following nouns.

father

mushroom

kennel

sadness

computer

rain

heat

snow

Worksheet 11

Personal pronouns

Write a sentence for each of the following personal pronouns.

I

she

they

you

he

we

me

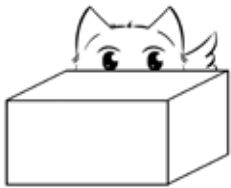
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Worksheet 12

Prepositions

Choose a preposition, label each picture, and then make a sentence.

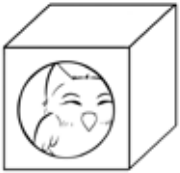
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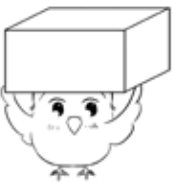














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Worksheet 13

Sentence building

Look at each picture and write a sentence to explain what is happening. You may take help from the vocabulary box.

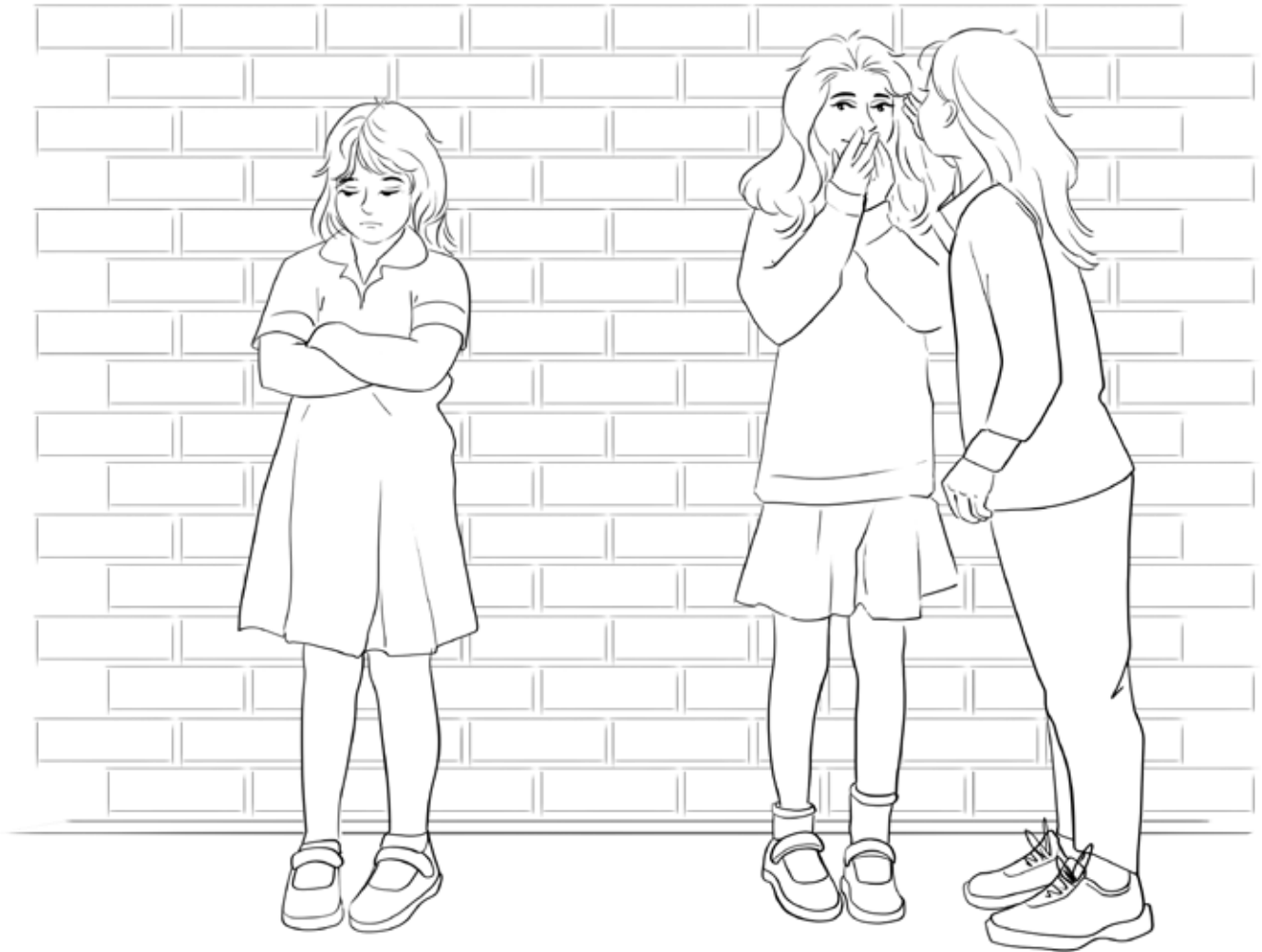


girl	father	performing	camp
plants	ballerina	water	painting

Worksheet 14

Picture comprehension

Look carefully at the picture and answer the following questions.



What is happening in the picture?

Why are the girls laughing?

How do you think the girl standing alone is feeling?

What do you think of the laughing girls?

What do you think the girl standing alone should do?

What would you do if you were there?

Worksheet 15

Picture comprehension (2)

Look carefully at the picture and answer the following questions.



What is happening in the picture?

Whose idea do you think it was to have a barbecue?

What will everyone be eating?

Why is the plate empty?

Do you think the boy is excited for the food?

What do you think might happen next?

Worksheet 16

Picture comprehension (3)



Look carefully at the picture and answer the following questions.

What is happening in the picture?

Why is the boy looking pleased?

What do you think the boy is thinking while looking up at the sky?

Why is the grass all wet?

Why are there puddles on the ground?

What do you think might happen next?

Worksheet 17

Word search

Find all the under-the-sea words in the grid.

octopus	dolphin	clownfish	jellyfish
diver	seahorse	butterflyfish	turtle

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