



Subject Area: Language Arts
Unit Title: Nursery Rhymes and Storytelling
Grade Level: Preschool (4-year-olds)
Lesson Number: 1 of 14

Duration: 45 minutes
Date: [Insert Date]
Teacher: [Insert Teacher's Name]
Room: [Insert Room Number]

Curriculum Standards Alignment

Content Standards:

- Recognize and recite nursery rhymes
- Understand basic storytelling structures
- Enhance vocabulary and communication skills

Skills Standards:

- Language and Literacy
- Creative Expression
- Social-Emotional Learning

Cross-Curricular Links:

- Math (counting, patterns)
- Science (exploration, discovery)
- Art (creativity, self-expression)

Essential Questions & Big Ideas

Essential Questions:

- What are nursery rhymes and why are they important?
- How do stories help us understand the world around us?
- What are some ways we can use language to communicate effectively?

Enduring Understandings:

- Nursery rhymes and stories help us develop language skills and imagination
- Language is a powerful tool for communication and self-expression
- Stories can help us understand different perspectives and cultures

Student Context Analysis

Class Profile:

- Total Students: 20
- ELL Students: 5
- IEP/504 Plans: 2
- Gifted: 3

Learning Styles Distribution:

- Visual: 40%
- Auditory: 30%
- Kinesthetic: 30%



Pre-Lesson Preparation

Room Setup:

- Arrange chairs in a circle for storytelling
- Prepare visual aids and props for nursery rhymes
- Set up a designated area for creative play

Technology Needs:

- None required

Materials Preparation:

- Nursery rhyme books and props
- Storybooks and puppets
- Art supplies (paper, crayons, markers)

Safety Considerations:

- Ensure a safe and comfortable learning environment
- Supervise children during creative play
- Be aware of any allergies or sensitivities

Detailed Lesson Flow

Introduction to Nursery Rhymes (10 minutes)

- Introduce the topic of nursery rhymes and their importance
- Recite a few popular nursery rhymes and ask children to join in
- Use visual aids and props to support learning

Sharing Favorite Nursery Rhymes (15 minutes)

- Ask children to share their favorite nursery rhymes and why they like them
- Encourage discussion and sharing among children
- Use this opportunity to assess children's prior knowledge and understanding of nursery rhymes

New Nursery Rhyme (10 minutes)

- Introduce a new nursery rhyme, using visual aids and props
- Ask children to repeat the rhyme and join in
- Use this opportunity to teach new vocabulary and comprehension skills



Storytelling

Introduction to Storytelling:

- Read an engaging story and ask children to predict what happens next
- Use visual aids and props to support learning
- Encourage children to ask questions and make connections to their own experiences

Sharing Stories

Sharing Stories:

- Ask children to share their own stories or experiences related to the theme of the story
- Encourage discussion and sharing among children
- Use this opportunity to assess children's ability to sequence events and use vocabulary in context



Conclusion

Recap of Key Learning Objectives:

- Recognize and recite nursery rhymes
- Understand basic storytelling structures
- Enhance vocabulary and communication skills

Reflection and Evaluation:

- Provide opportunities for children to reflect on what they have learned
- Ask children to share their favorite part of the lesson and what they would like to learn more about



Assessment and Evaluation

Formative Assessment Strategies:

- Observation
- Questioning
- Self-assessment

Success Criteria:

- Children can recognize and recite nursery rhymes
- Children can understand basic storytelling structures
- Children can enhance vocabulary and communication skills

Feedback Methods:

- Verbal feedback
- Written feedback
- Peer feedback



Extension Activities

Creating Own Nursery Rhymes:

- Provide opportunities for children to create their own nursery rhymes
- Encourage children to use their imagination and creativity
- Support children in writing and illustrating their own nursery rhymes

Drawing Pictures:

- Provide opportunities for children to draw pictures related to the nursery rhymes
- Encourage children to use their imagination and creativity
- Support children in developing their fine motor skills



Parent Engagement

Strategies for Parent Engagement:

- Reading together
- Singing nursery rhymes
- Asking open-ended questions

Supporting Children's Learning:

- Provide opportunities for children to practice their language skills
- Encourage children to use their imagination and creativity
- Support children in developing their social-emotional skills



Safety Considerations

Safety Protocols:

- Ensure a safe and comfortable learning environment
- Supervise children during creative play
- Be aware of any allergies or sensitivities

Emergency Procedures:

- Have a first aid kit available
- Know the emergency contact information for each child
- Have a plan in place for evacuations and emergencies



Teaching Tips

Engaging Children:

- Use visual aids and props to support learning
- Encourage children to ask questions and make connections to their own experiences
- Provide opportunities for children to practice their language skills

Supporting Diverse Learners:

- Provide opportunities for children to learn at their own pace
- Use differentiated instruction to support diverse learners
- Encourage children to use their imagination and creativity



Reflection Questions

Reflection Questions:

- What did I learn from this lesson?
- What would I do differently next time?
- What strategies worked well for engaging children?

Action Plan:

- Implement changes to the lesson plan based on reflection
- Continue to provide opportunities for children to practice their language skills
- Seek feedback from colleagues and parents



Next Steps

Follow-up Lessons:

- Continue to build on the learning objectives and outcomes
- Provide opportunities for children to practice their language skills
- Encourage children to use their imagination and creativity

Assessment and Evaluation:

- Continue to assess children's understanding and skills
- Use a variety of assessment strategies, including observation, questioning, and self-assessment
- Provide feedback and guidance to support children's learning and development



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Summary of Key Learning Objectives:

- Recognize and recite nursery rhymes
- Understand basic storytelling structures
- Enhance vocabulary and communication skills

Final Thoughts:

- Provide a supportive and engaging learning environment
- Encourage children to use their imagination and creativity
- Support children in developing their social-emotional skills



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- National Association for the Education of Young Children. (2018). The Role of Play in Learning.



Appendices

Appendix A: Nursery Rhyme Examples

- Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star
- The Wheels on the Bus
- Old MacDonald Had a Farm

Appendix B: Storytelling Examples

- The Very Hungry Caterpillar
- Goldilocks and the Three Bears
- The Little Red Hen