

Lesson Plan #3 of 6

Unit: Stories of the World

Topic: Africa

Objectives:

1. The students will be able to have an understanding of where Africa is on a world map.
2. The students will be able to collaborate and work together as a class.
3. The students will be able to participate in a group activity in which the sound of rain is simulated.

Materials:

Storybook – What The Animals Were Waiting For by Jonathan London

Anticipatory Setting:

1. Teacher will introduce the book What The Animals Were Waiting For and ask students what they think the book might be about and why.
2. Teacher will read book. While reading, teacher will have students compare the photographs and the illustrations in the book.
3. Teacher will review the book and discuss where Africa is on a world map and why the animals needed rain.

Procedures:

1. Teacher(s) will explain the concept of a rainmaker.
2. Teacher(s) will introduce the class activity in which the sound of rain will be simulated.
3. Teacher(s) will assign certain actions to children by having them count off by three's. Each number will be assigned a certain action, such as patting their thighs, rubbing their hands together, and snapping. (If children can't snap, they can quietly clap their hands).
4. Teacher(s) will then direct students assigned to snap to begin snapping.
5. Shortly after, teacher(s) will direct students assigned to rub hands to begin rubbing their hands together.
6. Finally, teacher(s) will then direct students the last group of students to begin patting their thighs.
7. Continue activity for a few minutes, directing children to get louder, and then reverse the procedure to slowly simulate the end of the rainstorm.
8. Have children discuss sounds and how they relate to an actual rainstorm.
9. Teacher(s) will choose a student to place the picture of the book under the name of the corresponding continent on the bulletin board.

Assessment:

Student performance will be based on their ability to cooperate with classmates and their ability to follow directions given out by the teacher.

Notes / Reflection: