English Language Arts

- The student learned about themes of family, love, and resilience through the story of "A Chair for My Mother."
- The student practiced listening comprehension and vocabulary development by engaging with the text.
- The student may have discussed the concept of saving money and the value of hard work, linking to real-world experiences.
- The student may have also explored the emotions and perspectives of the characters in the book.

Math

- The student may have learned about counting, money, and savings as the characters in the book save up to buy a special chair. This could include discussions about coins, adding money, and basic financial concepts.
- The student may have practiced simple addition and budgeting skills through identifying the coins mentioned in the story and adding them up.
- They could have also explored the concept of multiplication as the characters work together to save up for the chair.
- Additionally, the student may have learned about the importance of setting goals and working towards them, connecting this to the characters' savings plan.

To continue the development from reading "A Chair for My Mother," students can engage in activities such as creating and maintaining a savings jar to reinforce the book's concepts of saving and goalsetting. They can also practice counting and adding money using play coins. Additionally, students can brainstorm and write about their own saving goals and how they plan to achieve them.

Book Recommendations

- <u>The Relatives Came</u> by Cynthia Rylant: A heartwarming story about a family reuniting for a summer visit, highlighting the joy of spending time together.
- <u>How Much Is a Million?</u> by David M. Schwartz: This engaging book introduces the concept of large numbers in a fun and accessible way, connecting to the theme of counting and saving discussed in "A Chair for My Mother."
- <u>A Chair for Always</u> by Vera B. Williams: A sequel to "A Chair for My Mother," in which the family celebrates the chair they were able to buy and the memories it holds.

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