Objective

By the end of this lesson, the student will understand the basics of camping, including what to pack, how to set up a campsite, and the importance of respecting nature. The student will also engage in fun activities that simulate camping experiences.

Materials and Prep

- Notebook and pencil for notes and sketches
- Outdoor space (backyard or park) for activities
- Blankets or towels to simulate a tent
- Flashlight (optional)
- Water and snacks for a mini-camping experience
- Preparation: Discuss safety rules about being outside and respecting nature.

Activities

- **Pack Your Backpack:** Have the student create a list of items they would need for a camping trip. Discuss why each item is important. This helps them learn about essentials and prioritize what to bring.
- **Build a Tent:** Using blankets or towels, have the student set up a simple tent. This activity teaches them about shelter and how to create a comfortable space outdoors.
- **Nature Scavenger Hunt:** Create a list of items to find outdoors, like a leaf, a rock, or a flower. This encourages exploration and appreciation of nature while they learn about different plants and animals.
- **Campfire Stories:** Sit around the "campfire" (a circle made with rocks or just sitting on the ground) and share fun or spooky stories. This activity promotes creativity and storytelling skills.

Talking Points

- "Camping is a fun way to enjoy nature! What do you think we need to bring to have a great time?"
- "Setting up a tent can be tricky, but it's like building a cozy little house outside. What shape do you want your tent to be?"
- "When we go on a scavenger hunt, we get to explore and discover new things. What's the coolest thing you think we might find?"
- "Storytelling around a campfire is a tradition! What kind of story would you like to share?"