Objective

By the end of this lesson, you will be able to engage in language arts activities related to The Backyardigans, improving your reading and comprehension skills.

Materials and Prep

- The Backyardigans book or story
- Colorful markers or crayons
- Blank paper or a notebook
- A comfortable reading space

Before starting the lesson, make sure you are familiar with The Backyardigans characters and storyline.

Activities

- 1. Read The Backyardigans story together: Start by reading the story out loud to your child. Encourage them to follow along and point to the words as you read. Pause occasionally to ask questions about the story to check comprehension.
- 2. Create a character drawing: After reading the story, have your child choose their favorite character from The Backyardigans. Ask them to draw a picture of the character and color it using the markers or crayons. While they draw, encourage them to describe the character and its role in the story.
- 3. Retell the story: Ask your child to retell the story using their drawing as a visual aid. Encourage them to use their own words and include important details from the story. You can also ask questions to prompt their memory and comprehension.
- 4. Write a short sentence: Help your child write a simple sentence about The Backyardigans story. For example, "The Backyardigans went on an adventure." Encourage them to sound out the words and write them independently. If needed, provide assistance and guidance.

Toddler Grade Talking Points

- "The Backyardigans is a fun story about a group of friends who go on exciting adventures together."
- "We can read the story together and learn about the characters and what happens in the story."
- "After we read, you can draw a picture of your favorite character and color it however you like."
- "You can tell me all about the story using your drawing as a guide. What happened? Who did they meet? What did they do?"
- "We can also write a sentence about the story. We'll sound out the words and write them down."