

Objective

By the end of this lesson, the student will be able to analyze and interpret children's literature, as well as develop an understanding of the role of reading in working with kids.

Materials and Prep

- A selection of children's books
- Paper and pen/pencil
- Access to a computer or device with internet
- Optional: Art supplies for creating illustrations

Activities

1. Read a children's book aloud:

Select a children's book that is appropriate for a younger age group and read it aloud to the student. Encourage the student to pay attention to the language used, the themes explored, and the overall message of the story.

2. Write a book review:

Ask the student to write a book review of the children's book they just heard. The review should include a summary of the story, their personal opinion, and whether they think it would be engaging for kids. Encourage them to use descriptive language and provide specific examples from the book.

3. Create illustrations:

Have the student choose a scene or character from the book and create an illustration of it. This activity allows them to engage creatively with the story and practice their visual interpretation skills.

4. Research children's literature:

Guide the student to research different genres and authors of children's literature. Encourage them to explore the importance of reading in the lives of children and how it can benefit their development.

Talking Points

- Why is it important to read to kids?

"Reading to kids helps develop their language and cognitive skills, expands their vocabulary, and fosters a love for books and learning."

- What makes a children's book engaging?

"Engaging children's books often have relatable characters, interesting plots, and vibrant illustrations that capture their attention."

- How can reading help when working with kids?

"Reading can be a valuable tool when working with kids, as it can help build rapport, spark conversations, and provide educational and entertainment opportunities."

- What are some popular genres of children's literature?

"Popular genres of children's literature include picture books, chapter books, fantasy, mystery, and adventure."

- What are some well-known children's authors?

"Some well-known children's authors include Dr. Seuss, Roald Dahl, J.K. Rowling, and Shel Silverstein."