

Sunshine Class News

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An update on differentiation

In a classroom with PreK-3, PreK-4, and Kindergarten students, what does a teacher do to differentiate instruction to meet all of their needs? I have been asked to share especially about PreK-3 and PreK-4 with you in the newsletter, but I will include all three levels.

Activities for all grade levels

We enjoy many activities that are appropriate for all our grade levels. Some of those activities include the following:

Developmental Centers Read Aloud Books Maker Space
Play Dough Educational Toy Play Art Rote Counting
Letter and Number Formation Activities Singing/Nursery Rhymes

Activities we individualize

Writing in journals, on cards, or in little books is an individualized activity. In journals, students move from being able to draw a detailed picture as their story to adding labels to their picture. Words may be transcribed for the student on their page if needed. Then students begin to write a phrase or a sentence on the lines below their pictures. If they are able, they may write more than one sentence. This may also vary on the stamina of the child day-to-day and the difficulty of the words chosen to write. All of the student writing is done with teacher assistance, which is gradually lessened when possible. PreK-3 students work with the teacher on pre-writing activities in their fine motor notebooks.

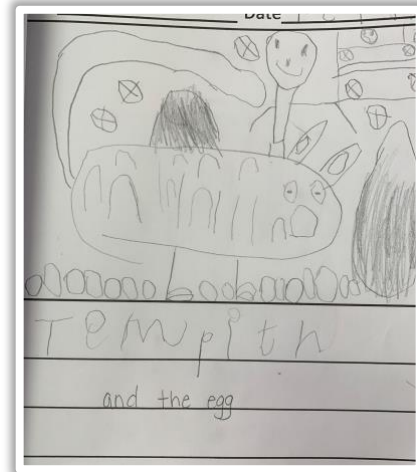
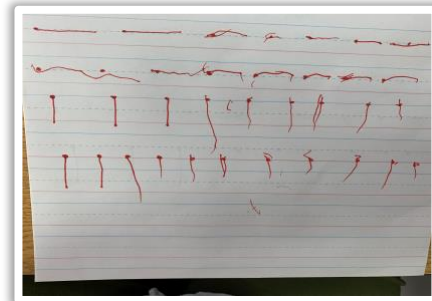
Reading is primarily a group activity for our class with lots of discussion about characters, predictions of what might happen next in the story, and invitations to share connections to the storyline. Reading is individualized with student book boxes, which are shared and read with the teacher once a week and new books are chosen. Occasionally a student shows early readiness for reading and then individual guided reading lessons are conducted weekly.

Activities taught in small groups

Math is taught several ways in the classroom. Math journals are completed by PreK – 4 and Kindergarten students and can be solved in a variety of ways as the individual student approaches the problem. Journals are completed with teacher assistance as needed. Kindergarten students also follow the GoMath curriculum which is a workbook series. PreK-3 students work with the teacher on 1-10 number numeracy activities using concrete objects.

Week of 11-2-2020

Writing differentiation samples



November / December CNS Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
8	9	10	11 No School Veteran's Day	12	13	14
15	16 Invoices Due by 3pm	17	18 Pizza Day	19	20	21
22	23 Board Meeting Virtual 5:30pm	24 Student Checklists Sent Home	25 No School	26 No School	27 No School	28
29	30 School Resumes	Dec 1	2 Pizza Day	3	4	5
6	7	8	9 Pizza Day	10	11	12