

Final Project

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First grade teacher/ first grade lesson

Description: Our reading month theme is oceans. Our hallway is responsible for decorating with a coral reef theme. This lesson focuses on the colorful fish that are found in the coral reef.

Curriculum Benchmarks:

1. Students will use technology tools to enhance learning and promote creativity.
2. Students will use technology to locate information.

Materials/Hardware:

1. Animals Encyclopedia Program which is on our system
2. Kidpix (The Learning Company)
3. Digital camera

Teacher Preparation:

Get the book: "The Rainbow Fish" by Marcus Pfister.

Install kidpix on computer at school.

Show students as a class how to use the draw and paint tools in kidpix.

Student Preparation:

Students should know how to navigate animals encyclopedia.

They know that fish are colorful to blend in with the bright colors in their habitat.

They will learn to use the draw and paint tools on kidpix.

Activities/Procedures:

1. Students will listen to the story of "The Rainbow Fish." They will receive a small plastic colorful fish like those in the coral reef to aid in retelling the story. Small groups of 3 will take turns retelling the story. One person will be the teller, one will be the listener and one will assess using the following rubric which includes characters, setting, problem, sequencing and evaluation of whether it is an interesting retelling.

	Yes	No
Rainbow fish, friends, octopus		
Ocean		
Problem		
1, 2, 3, order		
Interesting		

2. Independently students will go to animals encyclopedia and open the section on fish. They will have a list of fish that live in the coral reef. Students will use the A,B,C guide to help them locate the fish. They may also view other information about the fish such as diet, habitat, size.
3. Using kidpix students will use a transparency taped on the monitor to help them draw a basic fish outline if needed. They will then use the draw/paint tools to create designs, colors and details.
4. Last they will type 3 words to describe their fish. A high school helper will be available to help with this.
5. The pictures will be placed in a slide show.
6. Students will make underwater goggles and snorkels from a paper pattern. They will have their picture taken using the digital camera and a group picture will be part of the slide show.

Follow Up Activity:

1. The slide show will be available for viewing during the first grade fine arts night.