



Course Education
Section: Early Childhood Classroom Assistant Teacher



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Design a Lesson

What You Will Do

Design a lesson that teaches a basic concept in a way that will be engaging for preschoolers.

Materials You Will Need

- Paper
- Crayons/markers
- Glue
- Safety scissors
- Recyclable materials

Lesson Planning

Effective lesson planning involves defining clear learning objectives, creating engaging activities, and aligning assessments to measure understanding. Key components include an introduction, objectives materials, procedures (introduction, instruction, practice), differentiation, and assessment.

Important Terms

- **Learning Objectives:** Specific goals of what students will know or do.
- **Materials:** Resources, tools, or technology needed.
- **Procedures:** Step-by-step instructions, including introductions, direct instruction, and guided practice.
- **Assessment:** Methods to check for understanding.
- **Differentiation:** Strategies to support diverse learner needs.
- **Reflection:** Evaluating the lesson afterward to improve future instruction.



Preschool Students

The goals a teacher aims for are determined by the age group of the students. For preschool students (ages 3 to 5), the goals are:

Social and Emotional Goals

- Emotional Regulation: Teaching children to manage feelings, verbalize wants/needs, and handle frustrations without outbursts.
- Social Competence: Developing sharing, turn-taking, conflict resolution, and cooperative play skills.
- Independence & Responsibility: Fostering independence in self-care, such as putting on coats, cleaning up, and using the bathroom.
- Trust & Safety: Building a secure classroom environment to encourage positive relationships with peers and adults.

Cognitive and Academic Goals

- Early Literacy & Language: Recognizing the alphabet, writing their own name, and increasing vocabulary through stories and songs.
- Numeracy Skills: Introducing basic counting, shape recognition, and sorting skills.
- Critical Thinking: Encouraging curiosity by asking questions, making predictions, and solving simple problems.

Physical Development Goals

- Fine Motor Skills: Developing hand-eye coordination through activities like drawing, cutting with scissors, threading beads, and manipulating playdough.
- Gross Motor Skills: Improving balance and coordination through running, jumping, climbing, and organized movement games.

Write a Lesson Plan Objective

Write one sentence that sums up what you want the students to learn.

Choose one of these topics:

- Colors
- Numbers
- Animals
- Feelings

Introduction

Write down how you will introduce the topic. How can you get the students excited and curious about the topic? Getting them sharing and interacting will ensure engagement in the activity. Try posing a question or sharing a fun fact that will spark their curiosity.

Instructions

Write easy step-by-step directions that a preschooler could follow. Be sure to break the process down into short, simple steps.

Test Your Instructions

Complete the craft yourself while pretending you are teaching it step-by-step. Did you leave out any steps?

Evaluate Your Lesson

Think about how you would help students who need assistance. What could you change about your lesson plan to make sure all students can complete it. Does it effectively teach the topic?