

## Real Bears and Famous Bears Lesson Plan

Virginia's Foundation Blocks for Early Learning: Comprehensive Standards for Four-Year Olds, 2007.

These standards are beacon lights for my curriculum. I adapt them according to the ability of my students. I use them as goals to strive towards or as background building for my students' future learning. These goals are my focus, but they are not the only objectives being utilized by the following lessons. Language and social goals are incorporated into daily routines.

### I. Virginia Foundation Blocks for Early Learning

1. Scientific Investigation, Reasoning and Life Processes
  - a. Identify basic properties of objects by direct observations
  - b. Describe objects using pictures and words
  - c. Separate a set of objects into 2 groups according to physical characteristics.
2. Life Processes:
  - a. Describe what living things need to live (shelter, water and food)
  - b. That "baby" animals are similar but not identical to parents and to one another.

### II. Concepts to be taught:

1. Grows from a baby bear to an adult bear
2. Needs food, water and shelter (a home)
3. Mother bears have one or two cubs while they sleep in winter
4. Bears hibernate or sleep in the winter
5. Real -VS- Pretend ( or toy)
6. Size concepts ( large VS small)

#### I. Real Bear Facts:

- A. Brown or Black Bears
  1. Live in the woods or forests
  2. Are very big (Brown bear up to 800+lbs and Black bear up to 300 lbs)
  3. Can swim

4; Eats: plants, berries, nuts, honey, insects and other small animals

5. Good sense of smell, but can't see well

6. Front claws are larger than back claws

B. Polar Bear Facts

1. Live where it is really cold

2. Giant -sized: can be 10 tall and up to 1700 lbs

3. Loves to swim

4. Has good eyesight

5. Eats meat: seals, walruses and fish

6. Fur: 2 coats, one close to skin and outer coat is like a raincoat

7. Den: a snow house- where sleeps in winter

8. Has 1 or 2 baby bears while sleeping

9. Male polar bears are active year round (do not hibernate)

C. Panda and Koala Bears, which are not bears but raccoons

1. Live in China or Zoos

2. Very Big: Size up to 200 lbs

3. Eats a plant called bamboo

4. Colors are black and white

5. Loves cold weather, and like to play and slide in the snow

6. Home: den, usually a hole in a tree

7. Has 1 or 2 babies, carries her baby like a mother cat, in her mouth

II. Famous Bears

1. Winnie the Pooh by Alan Alexander Mine

2. Paddington Bear by Michael Bond

3. Little Bear by Else Holmelund Minarik

4. Corduroy by Don Freeman

5. The Berenstain Bears by Jan and Stan Berenstain

6. Goldilocks and the Three Bears

7. Yogi Bear and Boo

8. Smokey the Bear

III. Vocabulary:

1. Hibernate: sleep for a long time (winter season)

2 Bear: an animal that is real or alive

3. Toy Bear: stuffed animal; not real or not alive

#### IV. Stories That Can Be Read:

##### A. Real Bears:

1. Bears, Bears, Bears: Teacher Made Fact Story by Teresa Williams
2. Polar Bears : Teacher Made Book Fact Story by Teresa Williams
3. Zoo Books about Bears, and Panda Bears
4. What Happens to Bear Cubs by Bill Hall
5. Blueberries For Sal by Robert McCloskey
6. Brown Bear, Brown Bear by Bill Martin
7. Polar Bear, Polar Bear What Do You Hear by Bill Martin
8. Going on a Bear Hunt by Michael Rosen

You Tube of Michael Rosen acting out the story! Its great!

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ytcOU2WAZ4s>

##### B. Famous Bears:

1. Goldilocks and The Three Bears by Fairy Tale Classics
2. Goldilocks and The Three Bears- retold by Jan Brett
3. Paddington Bear by Michael Bond
4. Little Bear by Else Holmeloud Minarik
5. Winnie the Pooh by A.A. Milne
6. Corduroy by Don Freeman

#### Online Resources

##### Real bear crafts

<http://www.first-school.ws/theme/animals/wild/bear.htm>

- The Three Bears story online

<http://www.kizclub.com/storytime/goldistory/bear1.html>

- story patterns and craft ideas

<http://www.first-school.ws/activities/fairytales/3bears.htm>

<http://www.pre-kpages.com/3bears.html>

- color sheets

<http://www.dltk-teach.com/rhymes/mgoldilocksposter.html>

- Jan Brett story activities

<http://www.janbrett.com/>

- Little Bear color sheets

[http://www.nickjr.com/shows/little\\_bear/index.jhtml](http://www.nickjr.com/shows/little_bear/index.jhtml)

### Online Resources Continued:

- Paddington Bear  
<http://www.paddingtonbear.co.uk/en/1/act.html>
- Berenstain Bears games, activities and color sheets  
<http://www.berenstainbears.com/>
- Winnie The Pooh official web site  
<http://disney.go.com/characters/pooh/index.html>  
<http://disney.go.com/magicartist/coloring/pooh/index.html>

## V. Activities:

### A. Real Bears:

1. **Sequence of Growth** sheet: Bear cub to adult found in the Teacher Resource book: Bears, Bears, Bears(Evan Moore Publishers, 1988) pg 3
2. **Bears in Winter** booklet found in Pre-School Mailbox issue Dec/Jan , 1994/1995 pages 22-29
3. **Color Sheets** from various online resources: check the online resources listed in plan
4. **Den:**
  1. **Paper bag den:** (picture included) cut out a semi circle from the bottom of small paper bag, add a paper bear
  2. **Paper plate den:** fold a paper plate in half, draw a semi circle in the middle of plate use bubble wrap that has been painted gray or brown and make a print on the bear cave/den or you can glue fish bowl gravel to bear cave
5. **Going On a Bear Hunt Map:** this can be made in the shape of a bear or a rectangle. The map should have a: river, mud, trees , snow, and bear cave. I have used blue tissue paper for a river, brown paint for mud, paper trees for forest, and foam snowflakes for snow, and draw a cave at the bottom of paper and put a paper bear in the cave.
6. Panda Bear Color sheet  
<http://www.preschoolcoloringbook.com/color/cppanda.shtml>  
[www.myfreecolouringpages.com/zoo\\_animals\\_coloring\\_pages/zoo\\_animal\\_coloring\\_pages.htm](http://www.myfreecolouringpages.com/zoo_animals_coloring_pages/zoo_animal_coloring_pages.htm)
7. **Polar Bear** color sheet

#### **V. Activities Continued:**

8. **Hidden Polar Bear:** Make a paper pattern of a polar bear and wet it to put on paper, finger paint with light blue paint take the polar bear pattern off and see the bear in the snow
9. **Polar Bear On The Go booklet:** by Preschool Mailbox, issue Dec/Jan 2003-2004

#### **VI. Additional Activities**

1. **Gummy Bear Sorting :**sort the gummy bears by color, then count them and enjoy eating them
2. **Bring in teddy bears** and have show and tell
3. **Go on a picnic like Yogi Bear:** make sandwiches, and drink juice
4. **Have a teddy bear tea party:** Make tea and cookies or cake

#### **VII. Cooking Activities**

1. **Make teddy bear cake.** Make 2 round cakes, and add cupcakes for nose and ears, for arms and legs; decorate with a mouth.