

## Author Spotlight: Dr. Seuss

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 our classroom daily routines.

### I. Virginia Foundation Blocks 1 and 5

1. Virginia Literacy Foundation Block 1: Oral Expression: The child will develop listening and speaking skills by communicating experiences and ideas through oral expression.

- a. Listen attentively to stories in a whole class setting.
- b. Make predictions about what may happen in a story.
- c. Correctly identify characters, objects, and actions in a picture book, as well as stories read aloud and begin to comment about each.

2. Virginia Literacy Foundation Block 5: Print and Book Awareness: The child will demonstrate knowledge of print concepts

- a. Identify the front of a book
- b. Turn pages one at a time from the front to the back of the book.

### II. Concepts

1. To enjoy a variety of literature
2. To recognize rhyming words in the books
3. To identify book characters: Such as : Sam I Am, The Cat in the Hat, The Grinch

### III. Books by Dr. Seuss that can be read:

1. The Cat in the Hat
2. The Cat in the Hat Comes Back
3. Green Eggs and Ham
4. The Foot Book
5. One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish
6. Mr. Brown Can Moo, Can You?
7. The Shape of Me and Other Stuff

### III. Books by to be read by Dr. Seuss

8. Great Day For Up
9. Marvin K. Mooney, Will You Please Go Now?
10. ABC Book
11. Fox in Socks

### IV. Movies:

1. The Cat in the Hat
2. Green Eggs and Ham
3. The Grinch Who Stole Christmas (cartoon)

### V. Cd's - do not work on the "refreshed" apple computers in my school

1. The ABC book
2. Green Eggs and Ham
3. The Cat in the Hat

### VI. Color Books I use:

1. The Wubblous Gallery to Color
2. Cat in the Hat's Fun Book

### VII, Activities:

1. Color sheets from color books
  - Cat In The Hat
    - I have a small Cat in The Hat stuffed toy
    - 1. Make a large red and white striped hat
    - 2. Listen to the rhyming words
    - 3. Color sheet of Cat in Hat
    - 4. Color sheet of Norvel the Fish in fishbowl
  - Green Eggs and Ham
    - 1, Make green scrambled eggs and ham
    - 2. Color a pattern of an egg green and green ham , glue it to a paper plate
    - 3. Name the narrator of the story ( the one "Sam I AM" wants to feed the green eggs to)
    - 4. Various color sheets
    - I have the prop: Sam I AM stuffed toy

#### Activities For Stories Continued:

- The Foot Book
  1. Trace feet in different colors for left and right
  2. Sort shoes by color and size
  3. Distinguish between left and right foot
  4. Make a foot rainbow
  
- Fox in Socks
  1. Make a box and cut a slot in it to put pictures of "o" words
  2. Color sheets from color book
  
- The Shape of Me and Other Stuff
  1. See shape unit
  2. Make silhouettes, if you can get the children to sit still long enough
  3. Make shadows \* use with groundhog's day
  4. Tear scraps of construction paper and glue it on a larger construction paper for "Bloggs" from the book
  
- Horton Hears A Who
  1. color sheets from color books
  2. Talk about sounds and use with 5 Senses unit
  3. Compare sizes: large and small
  4. Introduce "er" and "est" words for older children
  
- One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish
  1. Make fish outlines for children to color
  2. Identify colors
  3. Count objects : 1 to 1 correspondence

#### VIII. Websites to Visit

[www.seussville.com](http://www.seussville.com)

<http://www.everythingpreschool.com/themes/drseuss/index.htm>

[http://atozteacherstuff.com/Themes/Dr\\_Seuss/](http://atozteacherstuff.com/Themes/Dr_Seuss/)

<http://www.preschooleducation.com/seuss.shtml>

<http://stepbystepcc.com/drseuss.html>

<http://resources.kaboose.com/kidlinks/kid-spots/toddlers/Toddlers.html>

<http://www.everythingpreschool.com/themes/drseuss/art.htm>

<http://childfun.com/>