

Back to School; 2008
The Kissing Hand

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 Literacy Foundation Block 1: Oral Expression

- Listen with increasing attention to spoken language, conversation, and stories being read aloud.
- Correctly identify characters, objects and actions in a picture book, as well as stories being read aloud and commenting on them or using pictures to communicate

II. Concepts Being Taught:

- Its ok to feel different emotions (sadness, fear, happy)
- We make friends in school
- School is fun
- Raccoon Facts

III. Stories to be read:

- The Kissing Hand
- ❖ Props I have : a stuffed Raccoon

IV. Activities:

1. Make a hand print between a wonderful poem

[Click here: for sample](#)

See Resources for where to get crafts

2. Raccoon Puppet

3. Raccoon Color sheets

IV. Activities Continued:

4. **Paint a heart using intertwining hands:** Add the following poem: (I do not know the author; can't remember what web site it was on)

A piece of me I give to you
This special heart because "I love you."
The heart is you, the hand is me.
It shows that we are family!

5. **Day and Night time activity:** print out animals from clip art if you don't have a sheet already of day and night animals
or it could be as simple as the sun on day side and black paper with stars and moon on the other paper or side.

6. **Make a Hand puzzle:** Trace child's hand then make 2 copies. On one hand cut hand into 2 or 3 pieces. Trace the outline of shapes on other hand, Have child put it together.

V. Cooking;

Make hand shaped or paw print sugar cookies and put a candy kiss in the middle

VI. Games: See below

I made the following games from learning treasures:

- color matching file folder game
- Color Lotto game
- Dominoes picture game
- Math: measure using paw prints and tails.

VII. Resources for The Kissing Hand

Games:

http://www.learningtreasures.com/themes_index.htm

<http://www.archjrc.com/childsplace/kissinghand.html>

Raccoon Mask:

http://www.angelfire.com/dc/childsplay/Masks_Raccoon.htm

Lesson Ideas

<http://www.teachingheart.net/kissinghandideas.html>

<http://www.thevirtualvine.com/TheKissingHand.html>

<http://www.geocities.com/EnchantedForest/Meadow/2370/page48.html>

Additional Resources for the Kissing hand

Coloring Sheets:

<http://www.geocities.com/RainForest/Vines/4892/kids/coloringbook.html>

<http://www.play2learnprintables.com/TheKissingHand.htm>