

Name/Title: Halloween Story with Portrayal Movement

Academic content: Language Arts

Purpose of Event: To imitate action words in the story. To engage in cumulative movement patterns.

Prerequisites: The class needs to have the story read to them by the classroom teacher or P.E. teacher.

Suggested Grade Level: K-2

Materials Needed: Book: THE LITTLE OLD LADY WHO WAS NOT AFRAID OF ANYTHING by Linda Williams; picture cards of items in the book; cone markers.

Physical activity: Rhythmic and nonlocomotor movements

Description of Idea

Students sit in a semi-circle facing action cards attached to cones. Teacher will ask the children to create their individual interpretations of the different movements. Imagine a cottage beyond the last station.

The teacher will begin reading at first station. When "Clomp, Clomp" is read, children decide what this action involves. Then they move to second station. When "Wiggle, Wiggle" is read, they decide how to wiggle. This is where the cumulative effect starts to occur.

At the end of story when the old woman runs to her cottage, the children stay at the last station and repeat all actions. All the children could then sit down and the teacher will finish the story.

This activity could be done at the end of P.E. class when children are tired and ready for less physical movement.

Variations:

Cue cards should be held up when the key words are read.

Assessment Ideas:

Can students perform appropriate physical action with cue card and words read from book? Can students properly sequence the motions?

Adaptations for Students with Disabilities:

This story activity is excellent for children with disabilities since actions could be done from any position.

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