5th Grade Reading Lesson

Topic: Comprehension

Purpose: The purpose of this lesson is to show students how to use predicting to aid in their comprehension of a story.

Objectives: Students will:
- Understand how making predictions can help comprehend a story.
- Use predictions to understand the story.
- Demonstrate using predictions to understand problems and solutions in the story.

Standards:
ACOS Language Arts
1. Use a wide range of strategies to interpret, evaluate, and construct meaning from print materials.
   a. Previewing and predicting
7. Use literary analysis.
11. Monitor own reading.
19. Employ study strategies with increasing facility to gain information.

Materials:
- Harcourt 5th Grade reading book, Theme 4 Express Yourself
- Worksheet
- Pencil

Accommodations: The worksheet is scaffolded for different ability groups. See attached worksheets.

Procedure:
- Ask students to predict what *Satchmo's Blues* might be about. Then ask students to explain how making predictions can help you understand the story. See if any students use predicting when they read on their own.
- Explain to students that, as they read with their partners, they need to identify problems that occur in the story and predict what the solution to that problem might be. Students should complete a worksheet (based on which group they are in) as they read the story.
- Students read the story with their partners.

Conclusion:
- Discuss with students all the problems that occurred in the story and how those problems were solved.
- Ask students to explain their thinking as they were making predictions. Did they find making predictions to be helpful? Might it be helpful with other types of stories?

Assessment: