

5th Grade Reading Lesson-Beethoven Lives Upstairs

Topic: Reading Comprehension

Purpose: The purpose of this lesson is for students to work in cooperative groups to help each other comprehend a story. Beethoven Lives Upstairs was chosen as the story because it compliments the theme the students are currently working on in their reading books.

Objectives: Students will:

- Understand how working in a group can help increase comprehension of a story.
- Use questioning as a comprehension strategy throughout reading the text.
- Demonstrate cooperative group skills.

Standards:

ACOS Language Arts

1. Use a wide range of strategies to interpret, evaluate, appreciate, and construct meaning from print materials.
5. Interpret passages in print material.
19. Employ study strategies with increasing facility to gain information.
20. Demonstrate vocabulary growth developed through reading and listening to literature.

Materials:

- Student copies of Beethoven Lives Upstairs by Barbara Nichol
- Daily task sheets
- Pencil
- Whiteboard, markers

Accommodations:

- See attached worksheets. (First worksheet is for advanced group, second worksheet is for struggling readers).
- Vocabulary: Struggling readers write the definition and draw a picture to represent the word. Advanced students make a graphic web with the word and draw a picture of the word.
- Comprehension: Struggling readers are asked more specific questions to make sure they are following along. They are also given page numbers on which to refer. Advanced students are asked higher order types of comprehension questions.

Procedure:

Introduction:

- Explain to students that today we are going to begin reading Beethoven Lives Upstairs. Ask students what they know about Beethoven. Write their responses on the board.
- Play Beethoven's Ninth Symphony for students. Explain to students that they will find out why you chose this piece of music as they read the story. Ask students how the music made them feel.
- Tell students this story is historical fiction, which means it is based on the life of a real person, but the events in the story are not all true.