ANIMALTALES TEACHER'S GUIDE KINDERGARTEN

CURRICULUM CONNECTIONS

Activity #	Activity
D	DISCUSSION
1	RESPONDING TO FEELINGS
2	HEALTHY FRIENDSHIPS
3	WHAT HORSES NEED
4	A DAY IN THE LIFE
5	I SEE, I THINK, I WONDERREFLECTION

English Language Arts & Literature			
Organizing Idea	Text Forms and Structures: Identifying and applying text forms and structures imp understanding of content, literary style, and our rich language traditions.	roves	
Guiding Question	How can ideas and information be organized?		
Learning Outcome	Children explore how messages can be organized.		
	Skills & Procedures		
	Explore messages shared in a variety of forms.	D	
	Discuss the beginning, middle, and ending in a message.	D	
	Identify the front and back of a book.	D	
	Investigate a variety of features that help clarify messages.	D	
	Create imaginative representations or dramatizations of stories that include story	4	
	elements.	•	
Organizing Idea	Oral Language: Listening and speaking form the foundation for literacy development and improve communication, collaboration, and respectful mutual understanding.		
Guiding Question	In what ways can listening and speaking communicate feelings, ideas and information?		
Learning Outcome	Children explore listening and speaking skills through a variety of literacy experien	ices.	
	Skills & Procedures		
	Share personal experiences and stories through listening and speaking with others.	D, 1, 2, 5	
	Participate in group discussions.	D, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5	
	Listen to and follow simple one- or two-step instructions.	3	
Organizing Idea	Vocabulary: Communication and comprehension are improved by understanding word meaning and structures.		
Guiding Question	How can word knowledge contribute to building vocabulary?		
Learning Outcome	Children develop vocabulary through a variety of literacy experiences.		
	Skills & Procedures		
	Develop new vocabulary through a variety of literacy experiences.	2	
	Transfer new vocabulary to different situations.	2	
Organizing Idea	Phonics: Foundational literacy is supported by understanding relationships between sounds in oral language and the letters that represent them.		
Guiding Question	How do letters and sounds work together to make words?		
Learning Outcome	Children make connections between letters and sounds in words.		
	Skills & Procedures		
	Recognize most upper case and lower case letters by name.	D	

Organizing Idea	Comprehension: Text comprehension is supported by applying varied strategies and processes and by considering both particular contexts and univeral themes.		
Guiding Question	How are messages understood?		
Learning Outcome	Children demonstrate understandings of messages communicated in texts.		
	Skills & Procedures		
	Listen to a variety of texts that are read aloud.	D	
	Engage in discussions about texts that have been listened to.	D, 1, 2, 4	
	Discuss ideas and details from texts.	D	
	Sequence events from a text.	D	
	Retell the beginning, middle, or ending of a text.	D	
	Interpret illustrations.	D	
	Share connections between a text and personal feelings or experiences.	1	
	Answer questions about ideas or information in texts.	1, 4	
Organizing Idea	Writing: Ideas and information can be articulated accurately and imaginatively through the use of writing processes and an understanding of the author's craft.		
Guiding Question	How can messages be recorded?		
Learning Outcome	Children experiment with written expression of ideas and information.		
	Skills & Procedures		
	Ask questions about real people, places, or things to learn more about them.	D	
	Gather factual information from a variety of people, places, or things.	3	
	Share factual information.	3	
	Create a variety of digital or non-digital messages.	4	

Physical Education & Wellness		
Organizing Idea	Healthy Relationships: Personal well-being is supported through positive relationships built on communication, collaboration, empathy, and respect.	
Guiding Question	What are healthy relationships?	
Learning Outcome	Children examine healthy relationships in learning and playing environments.	
	Skills & Procedures	
	Describe ways people develop healthy relationships with other people, the land, animals, places or objects.	2, 4
	Define and practice friendship.	2
	Discuss the impact healthy relationships have on personal feelings.	2

Science		
Organizing Idea	Computer Science: Problem solving and scientific inquiry are developed through	gh the
Guiding Question	How can instructions be used?	
Learning Outcome	Children interpret instructions in various environments.	
	Skills & Procedures	
	Engage in activities that involve following instructions in various contexts.	3
	Engage in activities that involve following instructions presented in various ways.	3
	Follow a sequence of two steps related to a learning experience.	3

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Social Studies			
Organizing Idea	Systems: Evaluating processes and structures of organizations builds understanding of decision making in the world.		
Guiding Question	How are needs and wants different?		
Learning Outcome	Children explore needs and wants.		
	Skills & Procedures		
	Differentiate between needs and wants. Explain ways to meet personal needs and wants.	3 3, 4	
Organizing Idea	Citizenship: Understanding local, national, and global issues empowers individu	al and	
Guiding Question	How can people work together in groups?		
Learning Outcome	Children relate cooperation and collaboration to achieving common goals.		
	Skills & Procedures		
	Identify groups of personal belonging.	2	
	Evaluate the benefits of cooperation and collaboration.	2	
	Demonstrate ways that people can cooperate.	2	