

Title: *All About Me*

Grade Level: First Grade

Curriculum Areas: Social Studies, Language Arts

Purpose / Objective:

Students will learn about themselves and their family history.

Procedure / Activities:

Activity One

1. Read the book *The Relatives Came* by Cynthia Rylant.
2. Discuss the book and ask questions.
3. What does relative mean?
4. Do you have any relatives?
5. Make a chart listing the different kinds of relatives one might have (i.e., mom, dad, sister, brother, aunt, uncle, stepmother, stepfather, grandmother, cousin, etc.).
6. Ask students to draw a picture of their own family and label the family members. The teacher will model by drawing a picture of his/her own family. The teacher will also monitor students and help them when needed.
7. Allow students time to share their pictures with the whole class. Make sure students are aware of the fact that some families are different and that there is nothing wrong with being different.
8. Display students' pictures with the title "My Family." If possible, ask parents to send a photograph of their family to hang up with the students' drawings.

Activity Two

1. At the beginning of the unit, send home a letter explaining to parents what the class will be doing during the unit on family. Include in the letter an invitation for family members to visit the class. Any family member is welcome.
2. Send home with the students a disposable camera with instructions. In the instructions, ask parents to help their child take only 5 pictures of things that have special meaning (i.e., house, favorite pet, favorite object, special family member, a place in the community, etc.).
3. Provide time in class for students to share their pictures. Place the pictures in a photo album and let the students write captions beside their pictures. At the end of the unit, photocopy the album and give each student a copy (be sure to get permission to share these pictures).

4. Make sure to get double prints of the pictures taken by the students so that they may have a color copy of their pictures.

Additional Activities:

N/A

Time Required: 2 weeks

Materials:

1. Disposable camera
2. Art supplies
3. *The Relatives Came* by Cynthia Rylant
4. Photo album

Additional References:

N/A

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