

Title: *Quilts of Memories*

Grade Level: First Grade

Curriculum Areas: Language Arts, Social Studies

Purpose / Objective:

The Patchwork Quilt by Valeria Flourney helps students to learn and discuss traditions in their own families.

Procedure / Activities:

1. The teacher reads *The Patchwork Quilt* to the students.
2. Teacher and students discuss the book and the importance of the fabric scraps that were taken from the family to create the quilt.
3. Teacher and students share special memories about their families.
4. Several students may share a short statement about their special memory on an Interactive Chart (teacher and student share the pen).
5. Teacher will share a special memory with students on chart paper in order to model narrative writing activity.
6. Students share their special memory in writing by following the writing process on a sheet with colorful borders that resemble panels of a quilt.
7. Teacher and students display their special memory narrative writing panels together as a class quilt.

Additional Activities:

1. Share quilts as a class
2. Make a list of things that students like to do with grandparents
3. Make a list of different names for grandparents
4. Plan and present a "Grandparents Day" in September with all the trimmings
5. Have the students write a "TELE-GRAM" postcard to their grandparents
6. Set up and "Adopt a Grandparent" program in your school or classroom
7. Create a "Great" Grandparents Day gift (complete with poem)
8. Create a map of where all students' Grandparents live across the globe
9. "In the Good Ol' Days" activity where the students interview their parents or grandparents about when they were the same age as the students
10. "Grandparents of Tomorrow" activity: Allow students to explore their own thoughts about how they will act and behave as grandparents in the future
11. Set up a "Family Day" complete with story telling, sharing, and celebrations that will be a culminating activity for a unit on families

Time Required: 60 minutes

Materials:

1. *The Patchwork Quilt* by Valeria Flourney
2. Writing materials
3. Art materials

Additional References:

N/A

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