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Teach for Life

Early Childhood Focus (4-6 year olds)

Techniques

- Prior Knowledge
- Active Participation
- Question & Answer
- Feedback
- I Do, We Do, You Do
- Wait Time
- Demonstrating
- Visual Organizers
- Rote Learning
- Retelling
- Reflection
- Problem Solving
- Sentence Starters
- Hands On
- Direct Teaching
- Summarizing
- Practice
- Prediction
- Cues & Clues
- Cooperative Learning
- Group Response
- Temporary Support

Foundational Techniques

- Structure of a Lesson
- Introduction
- New Information
- Review

Subjects

Research

For Parents

Classroom Management

- Teacher-Student Relationship
- Teacher-Parent Relationship
- Daily Greeting and Send-off
- First Day of School
- Procedures
- Rules and Discipline
- The Working Classroom
- Being Prepared
- Celebrating and Showcasing Learning

Literacy

Phonological Awareness

Phonological Awareness is the awareness of all the sounds of a language. It is the ability to hear and distinguish sounds in spoken words.

- Hears and Uses Language
- Understands rules used in words, sentences and conversations within language

Comprehension

Comprehension is understanding what is heard or read. Reading comprehension combines the ability to read words, process them in context, and make sense of the sentence or paragraph.

- Listens for a variety of purposes
- Predicts before reading and adjust predictions as appropriate
- Understands the structure of stories & reading
- Makes connections between story events and personal experiences
- Uses illustrations/images and text to comprehend
- Compares and contrasts the adventures and experiences or characters in a familiar story
- Asks and answers questions about key details
- Begins to search for information on specific topics to seek out answers to questions or gain more information

Phonics

Phonics shows the relationships between the letters of written language and the individual sounds.

- Letter and Sound Recognition
- Word/Sound Recognition
- Applies Phonics & Word Analysis Skills in Decoding Words
- Sounds out and reads single syllable words

Fluency

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- Recognizes some words without need for sounding them out
- Recognizes and understands words by sounding them out (decoding)
- Reads silently and aloud accurately, effortlessly and with expression
- Focus is on comprehension

Vocabulary

Vocabulary is the words that make up a language. Spoken vocabulary is the words used in speaking or recognized in listening. Reading vocabulary is the words recognized or used in print.

- Identify real-life connections between words and their use
- Understands the structure of language
- Understand that words carry meaning
- Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases
- Demonstrates independence in gathering vocabulary knowledge when encountering an unknown term important to comprehension or expression

Print Awareness & Conventions

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- Words
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Science

Conducting Investigations

- Scientific Method - The scientific method is used to learn by observation, investigation, and measurement. There are five steps that are used to conduct science inquiry: Explore and observe, ask a question, make a prediction, design and do an experiment, and analyze the results to draw a conclusion.
- Measurement and Instruments-Explores and describes the world through the use of simple instruments and measurements.
- Tools and Technology

Earth – Space Science

- Earth Science/Nature - The study of the environment, the world and how the students interact and connect with the world.
- Astronomy - The study of the universe and the connection to the universe beyond the earth.

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- Geology/Meteorology

Math

Counting & Cardinality

Understands numbers, how to represent numbers, the relationships among numbers, and number systems. Understands operations and can compute and estimate fluently. This is also known as Counting and Cardinality

- Know number names and count sequence
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- Compare numbers

Measurement & Data

Understands measurable attributes of objects and the units, systems, and processes of measurement.

- Describe and compare measurable attributes
- Classify objects and count the number of objects in categories

Operations & Algebraic Thinking

Understands patterns, relations, and functions. Represent and analyze mathematical situations and structures using algebraic symbols. (e.g. Understand addition as putting together and adding to, and understand subtraction as taking apart and taking from.)

- Data analysis
- Identify, describe and create patterns
- Use two or more digit numbers
- Solve equations
- Apply operations

Geometry & Patterns

Use of visualization, spatial reasoning and geometric modeling to solve problems.

- Identify and describe shapes
- Analyze, compare, create, and compose shapes

Social Studies

Cultural Identity

Attitudes and behaviors of a social group or organization

- Individual Development and Cultural Identity - People and the way they work and live together.
- Different Cultures - Comparing and contrasting different cultures to gain an understanding and appreciation for people around the world.

Economics

Production, distribution, and consumption of goods and services and their management

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Government

The act of governing

- Individuals, Groups, and Institutions - How society develops institutions to help meet the needs of the group and how those institutions change over time as individuals' needs change.
- Power, Authority, Governance - How groups and nations establish order, make group decisions for change, and to resolve conflict.
- Civic Practices and Ideas - The focus is on the rights and responsibilities of citizens of a country.

Geography

Study of earth surfaces

- People, Places and Environment: The relationship between people and the physical world.

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Arts

Creating

Conceiving and developing new ideas and work in the arts

- Turning ideas in reality
- Making pleasing art
- Tells a story through the arts

Responding

Understanding and evaluating how the arts convey meaning

- Deepens the understanding of world cultures
- Expands the understanding of the past
- Shows how the arts relate to other content disciplines

Presenting

Interpreting and sharing artistic work

- Personalizes the arts
- Shows how the arts have meaning to the viewer
- Critiques a work of art

Connecting

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