Language & Literacy Lesson Plan: "Storytime Sound Adventure" (All Ages)

Classroom:
Teacher:

Learning Objective(s)

- Children will develop listening and comprehension skills through interactive storytelling.
- Children will expand vocabulary and practice expressive language by retelling parts of the story.
- Children will strengthen phonological awareness (sounds, rhymes, rhythm) through active participation.

Materials

- Age-appropriate storybook (e.g., one with repetition, rhyme, or strong characters)
- Story props (puppets, felt board pieces, or small toys)
- Chart paper and markers for drawing story elements
- Optional: word cards with key vocabulary or rhyming words
- Optional: recording device or tablet to let children listen to themselves retell the story

Procedures

1. Set the Stage

- Invite children to sit together in a circle or cozy reading area.
- Show the storybook cover:
 - "What do you think this story will be about?"
- Introduce any props you'll use during the story.

2. Read the Story Aloud

- Read with expression, pausing for children to guess what comes next.
- o Emphasize key vocabulary words or repeated phrases.
- Invite children to join in with sound effects, gestures, or repeated lines.

3. Interactive Retelling

After the story, hand out props or pictures.

- Invite children to act out or retell the story in their own words.
- Ask open-ended questions:
 - "What happened first?"
 - "How did the character feel?"

4. Story Extension Activity

- Younger children: Match pictures of story elements (e.g., animals, objects).
- o Older children: Draw their favorite part of the story or create an alternate ending.
- Whole group: Clap out syllables of character names or find rhyming words in the story.

5. Wrap-Up

- o Reflect together:
 - "What was your favorite part of the story?"
 - "What new word did you learn today?"
- Celebrate children's participation with specific praise: "You remembered the ending so well!"

Individualized Support

- Provide picture cues or props for children who need extra help remembering details.
- Use simpler, shorter stories with infants and toddlers.
- Repeat key phrases and encourage children to echo them.
- Pair children for peer-supported retelling.

Modifications & Extensions

Infants & Toddlers

- Use board books with large pictures, textures, or flaps.
- Focus on naming objects, pointing to pictures, and making simple sounds.
- Encourage toddlers to mimic animal noises or repeat single words.

Preschool & Mixed-Age Groups

- Introduce new vocabulary and discuss meanings.
- Add a writing or drawing extension: "Can you write the first letter of your favorite character's name?"
- Encourage older children to create their own short stories to share.

All Age Groups

Integrate music and movement by singing a simple song that matches the story.

- Rotate story themes weekly (e.g., friendship, animals, emotions).
- Extend outdoors—read under a tree and then act out parts of the story in nature.

← This lesson gives children a fun, interactive way to connect with books and language, strengthening their vocabulary, comprehension, and love for reading through playful storytelling.

