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Study Unit on Trees for Third Grade

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Title of unit: Trees Are Our Friends

Concept: All trees are useful

I. Aims

A. Teacher's Aims:

1. To teach children to appreciate trees as a natural resource.
2. To teach the many uses of trees.
3. To motivate an interest in the conserving of trees.

B. Questions children want to know:

1. What is a tree?
2. How does a tree grow?
3. Where does a tree get its food?
4. How can one tell the age of a tree?

II. Story of Unit:

A. Unit was introduced with the coming of spring. The children began to notice the changing of trees and grass, the flowers beginning to bloom, etc.

B. Progress:

1. First week
 - (a) Discussing of questions that children want to know.
2. Second week
 - (a) Field trips
 - (b) Identifying trees
3. Third week
 - (a) Integrated reading by reading stories about trees.
 - (b) Integrated spelling by making and spelling a list of new words. Using words in sentences.
 - (c) Integrated language by writing stories about trees, learning the poem "Trees" and verb usage.
 - (d) Integrated writing by making up poems and writing them.
 - (e) Integrated art by drawing pictures of trees and by making leaf prints.
4. Fourth week
 - (a) Culmination

III. Outcomes:

A. Primary Learnings:

1. Developed the power to read better and with more expression.
2. Experience in drawing, cutting, and pasting.
3. Learned the spelling and meaning of new words.
4. Learned the usefulness of trees.
5. Developed a love for trees.

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