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| Grade Level: 2-3 | Project: Characters of Life – OUR Story | | | | |
| Number of classroom sessions for this project: | | | | | |
| Date: October 2021 | | Core content: Math / ELA (Circle one) ELA | | | |
| Core Content Learning Objective: | | Assessment: | | | |
| CCSS-ELA-LITERACY-RL-3.3 Describe characters in a story (ex. Their traits, motivations, or feelings) and explain how their actions contribute to the sequence of events. | | | e able to identify the character ers within literature, as well as | | |
| Arts Learning Objective: | | | l describe themselves through a character traits using a graphic | | |

Summary of the Lesson:

We are the main characters of our lives. Our actions, words, and thoughts make us who we are. The characters featured in a story are very similar to us. They teach us valuable life lessons from their stories. These lessons help us choose the path we want our lives to take. The choices that we make reflect the character we become, so it is important to choose wisely.

The moral of "not judging a book by its cover" will be highlighted throughout this lesson.





ARTS LESSON STRUCTURE: **A**ttention, **R**eview, **T**each, and **S**upport

Attention: How will you prepare the students for the lesson?

Teacher

All characters are unique and may possess more than one type of personality and behavior.

The students will be presented with various character images. Based on their own perspectives and prior knowledge, they will predict the character traits they see.

Graphic Organizers will be used to record and present their findings.

Artist

Introduce the ArtsLink Program with Miss Alicia and the creative writing and storytelling we will be practicing over 20 weeks.

In discussing our favorite stories and why we like them, students will observe how much they already know about how stories work. Begin study of character traits with example

from Wizard of Oz and note character traits are revealed through behavior.

Understand difference between emotions and character traits

Teachers will share lists of character traits with students and help them select a combination of positive, negative & neutral traits. Lesson may carry over to week two.

Review: What will you review? What is the academic vocabulary for the lesson?

Teacher

Characters contribute to the events of the plot. Their actions and behaviors can change throughout the text as they experience new situations.

The following academic vocabulary will be introduced and reviewed:

Character Traits

Attributes

Appearance

Descriptors - Adjectives

Protagonist

Antagonist

Trickster

Clever

Foolishness

Artist

PROtagonist or main character

(hero) wants something but has to overcome challenging obstacles

to get it

ANTagonist or villain

(shadow) creates conflict

Supporting characters

teacher, temptation, messenger, clown, guard, ally (friend)

Ensemble story

Character traits - words that describe character's personality or qualities that make them who they are





| Positive Qualities | |
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| Negative Qualities | |
| Neutral Qualities | |
| Conflict | |
| Internal | |
| External | |
| Mood | |
| Plot | |
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<u>Teach:</u> What will you do to teach the content?

Teacher Artist

Using various video clips and textbook examples the students will analyze and visualize the character clues that are presented.

Beauty and the Beast Yoon and Jade Bracelet Wolf! Discuss - why do we like the stories we like

Characters
Theme or lesson (justice)

Setting / world

Magic

Emotional effect

Connection (familiarity)

Learning – other perspectives

Entertainment (excitement & adventure)

Using examples from The Wizard of Oz - artist will show how character traits become actions in a story.

Support: What will you assign the students to complete and how will you support their learning?





| Teacher | Artist | | | |
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| Students will create personal character sketches illustrating the many traits that they possess. | | | | |
| Graphic organizers Positive – Negative – Neutral – Character Traits Lists will be provided Cooperative Learning Groups will be encouraged Examples will be shared | | | | |
| Closure: What will we do to reinforce learning and close the lesson for today? | | | | |
| Students will be reminded that they are the main character of their story, so they must always remember to choose the best character traits to represent themselves. | | | | |
| Students will be asked to complete graphic organizer with character traits in class between ArtsLink lessons to share in week two | | | | |
| Date to PAEP for approval: | | | | |

