Integrated Unit: Fairy Tales and Civics



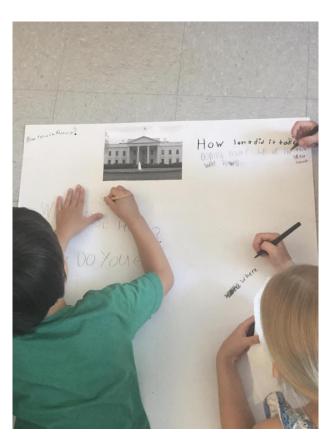
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Fairy Tales and Civics Overview

- Goal of the unit: To integrate social studies with literacy with a focus on rules and understanding a situation from another person's perspective
- The Social Studies standards come directly from the C3 Frameworks: College, Career and Civic Life for Social Studies State Standards
- The first 5 lessons focus on social studies to build a foundation for the civics ideas and language
- The essential questions include:
- What is a rule?
- How do we get along with each other? (in our homes, in our school, in our classroom?)
- What happens if you break a rule? What happens if you follow a rule?
- What do you do if you think a rule is unfair?
- Can breaking rules help us move towards getting along better?
- When is it ok to break a rule and when is it not?
- How does our government work?



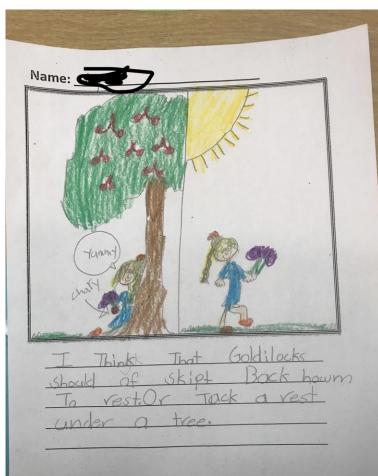


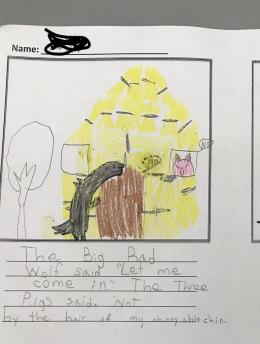
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- The Fairy Tale stories are brought in to help students understand and connect to a higher level of thinking about rules and seeing a situation from a different perspective (Three Little Pigs, Cinderella, Goldilocks and the Three Bears)
- Students are asked to look at each Fairy Tale and notice where and when the characters follow the rules or do not follow the rules
- Students are asked to change the part of the story.
 - What if the character followed the rules? What could happen? How could the story change?
- Students then hear another version of the story from a different perspective and think how their opinion of the characters have changed







Field Trip

- End of the unit Field Trip to the US Moakley Courthouse in Boston for a Goldilocks Mock Trial
- Created by the Discovering Justice Program
- Discovering Justice staff support students in participating in the trial in a real courtroom
- Students are assigned roles including:
 - Judges
 - Witnesses
 - Attorneys
 - Clerks
 - Jury
- Is Goldilocks innocent or guilty for breaking and entering into the 3 Little Bear's home?

