## LIVING ARTIST LESSON PLAN

Central Focus	The theme of the lesson is a living artist, Richard Johnson		
Grade Level Kindergarten			
Class Size	15		
<b>Time</b> 9 – 10:50am			
Class Demographics			

### **National Core Arts Standards Addressed**

- VA:Cr1-K, a. Engage in exploration and imaginative play with materials
- VA:Cr1-K, b. Collaboratively engage in creative art-making in response to an artistic problem.
- VA:Re7-K, b. Describe what an image represents.

## **Common Core State Standards Addressed**

- CCSS.ELA-Literacy.SL.K.1.b Continue a conversation through multiple exchanges.
- <a href="CCSS.ELA-Literacy.SL.K.3">CCSS.ELA-Literacy.SL.K.3</a> Ask and answer questions in order to seek help, get information, or clarify something that is not understood.
- CCSS.ELA-Literacy.SL.K.6 Speak audibly and express thoughts, feelings, and ideas clearly.

### SPECIAL PRE-INSTRUCTION PREPARATIONS

- Decorate the room
- Make a poster or display with the teachers' names
- Make display that help explain 2D vs. 3D (drawing of an object and 3D paper object and have the words written)
- · Make name tags
- · Compile information about the illustrator, Richard Johnson
- Prepare a PowerPoint with several images
- Pre-cut shapes out of the foam sheets
- Make teacher examples

### ARTISTIC PRACTICE

Forms	2D		BD	4D	
Frames	Cultural	Subjective	Structural	Postmodern	
Conceptual Framework	Artwork	Artist	Audience	World	

Artmaking (60%)	Critical/Historical Study Activities (40%)
Brainstorming ideas for their stories (true story, fiction, or	Listening to instruction about the difference between 3-
favorite fairy tale?)	dimensional and 2-dimensional artwork
Sketching ideas for their characters	<ul> <li>Teacher reads a pop-up storybook out</li> </ul>
Create 3-dimensional characters using foam shapes	loud to the class
J	<ul> <li>Watch a video</li> </ul>

### **LEARNING OBJECTIVES**

# As a result of this lesson, students will be able to:

- 1. Shown an illustration by Richard Johnson, verbally describe the story being illustrated and give at least one reason to support their interpretation.
- 2. Using the thumbnail worksheet, sketch at least 3 different ideas for a character from a story of your choice.
- 3. Using foam shapes create a 3-dimensional character from a story of your choice (can be fiction, non-fiction, or your favorite fairytale) that uses at least three layers of foam.

## INTERDISCIPLINARY CONNECTIONS

- Math (2D/3D, shapes)
- Language Arts (stories)

# **TEACHER MATERIALS**

<ul> <li>Posters, displays, books,</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>PowerPoint presentation, computer,</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Name tags, paper towels, Clorox</li> </ul>
decorations, videos	projector, images, notes for	wipes, place mats
	instruction or lesson plan	

# **STUDENT MATERIALS**

•	Foam shapes	•	Poster board	•	Thumbnail sketch worksheet
•	Glue sticks	•	Crayons, markers, colored pencils	•	Pencils

# **ARTISTS IN CONTEXT**

Key Artists	Richard Johnson		
Key Artworks	Pinocchio pop-up book		
	Alice in Wonderland pop-up book		
Key Critical Questions	How can artists tell a story without using words?		
	How is a pop-up book different that a normal book?		
	3. How do Richard Johnson's illustrations make you feel and why?		
	4. How are the illustrations similar and different in these two storybooks?		
	o Color		

# **VOCABULARY AND LANGUAGE ACQUISITION**

Discipline Specific (Syntax)	Academic
<ul> <li>2-dimensional (2D) art – flat artwork (paintings, drawings, photos)</li> </ul>	Shape – the form of an object (circle, square, triangle, etc.)
3-dimensional (3D) art – art that comes off of a flat surface (sculpture, ceramics)	<ul> <li>Story – an event or imagined event</li> <li>Character – the person, animal, or creature that the story is about</li> <li>Fairytale – a popular, imagined story</li> </ul>

# LANGUAGE FUNCTIONS

analyze, compare/contrast, critique, describe, interpret, question, etc.

# LANGUAGE MODES AND ACTIVITIES

Throughout your unit you should have at least one activity focused on have students exercise each mode.					
Read	Write	Listen	Speak		
Students will see words displayed around the room and teachers will point to the words during instruction (2- dimensional, 3- dimensional, shape, story, fairytale)	Students will practice writing their names on their artwork	<ul> <li>Students will listen to the teacher read a pop-up storybook</li> <li>Students will listen to instruction about Richard Johnson's artwork</li> </ul>	Students will provide their thoughts about Richard Johnson's artwork, pop- up books, and their favorite stories		

# INSTRUCTIONAL STRATEGIES AND LEARNING TASKS

Launch	Instruction Methods
Who can tell me their favorite fairytale?	Whole class instruction
Who are some of your favorite characters from storybooks?	
Why is that character your favorite?	
Can anyone guess what we are going to be talking about today?	
Instruction	Instruction Methods
<ul> <li>Teachers will read a pop-up book story to the students (on the carpet)</li> </ul>	Whole class instruction
Students will return to their seats	Teacher demonstration
<ul> <li>Teachers will show images of Richard Johnson's illustrations and pop-up</li> </ul>	Independent work
books	One-on-one instruction
o How is a pop-up book different that a normal book?	Hands-on student involvement
<ul> <li>How do Richard Johnson's illustrations make you feel and why?</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>How are the illustrations in these two stories similar and different?</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>Teachers will show their examples of the project and explain the</li> </ul>	
requirements	
<ul> <li>There needs to be at least 3 layers of foam</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>The character needs to come from a story</li> </ul>	

Students will sketch 3 ideas for their characters
Students will help teachers clean up sketching supplies
Teachers will explain the difference between 2-dimensional art and 3-dimensional art using the display
Teachers will demonstrate how to apply the pieces of foam
Teachers will pass out foam materials to quiet students
Students will construct their characters
Teachers will assist students as needed
Students will help teachers clean up foam materials
Teachers will conduct a review activity that asks the students to decide if something is 2D or 3D by holding up signs with a 2 on one side and a 3 on the other side

## **ACCOMODATIONS FOR SPECIFIC DIVERSE LEARNERS**

## **Adaptations and Accommodations**

- · Teachers made several visual displays for the classroom that assist in explaining 2-dimensional art and 3-dimensional art.
- Students can verbally explain their characters and scenes from their stories instead of writing explanations.

#### **Enrichment and Extensions**

• Students can add details to the background to help communicate the story.

### **Activity for Early Finishers**

· Students can make a second character.

### **OBJECTIVE-DRIVEN ASSESSMENTS**

- 1. Shown an illustration by Richard Johnson, the student verbally described the story being told and gave at least one reason to support their interpretation.
- 2. The student used the thumbnail worksheet to sketch at least 3 different ideas for a character from a story of their choice.
- 3. The student used foam shapes to create a 3-dimensional character from a story of their choice (fiction, non-fiction, or favorite fairytale) that used at least 3 layers of foam.

### **REFERENCES**

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