WEEK 8 Days 2-3

Read Aloud

Caretaker of Our Earth Texts Teacher Choice

Enduring Understandings	As stewards of the earth, humans must create and participate in sustainable systems that use the earth's resources wisely. People have a responsibility to protect and maintain the natural world.	
	Plants and animals, including humans, can change the environment.	
	The natural world can improve quality of life and inspire artistic expression.	
Essential Questions	What are sustainable systems, and what part do we play in them to make responsible decisions for our earth?	
	How can the earth inspire artistic expression?	
Content Objective	I can answer questions about key details from a text. (R.4.K)	
Objective	I can use key details from the text to describe how someone is a caretaker of the Earth (R.4.K).	
Language Objective	I can use words from Our Earth unit and our Community unit to discuss the text. (L.6.K)	
Materials and Preparation	 Select a Caretaker of the Earth text(s) to read Triad discussion anchor chart 	
Opening	Introduce the caretaker text and set a purpose for reading.	
Text		
Reading and Discussion	Read the selected Caretaker of the Earth text an initial time with minimal stopping and a second time to deepen the comprehension work.	
	In addition to any text specific questions, consider asking the following: What inspired the person to become a caretaker of the Earth?	

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	How is a caretaker of the Earth? What do they do?		
	How is similar or different than other caretakers of the Earth we have read about?		
	What questions do you have about this caretaker of the Earth?		
Closing	How are you a caretaker of the Earth?		
Standards	 R.4.K Ask and answer questions with prompting and support about who, what, when, where and how. L.6.K Use words and phrases acquired through conversations, reading and being read to, and responding to texts. 		
Ongoing assessment	Observe and listen to children's discussion in partners and during the whole group share. Do children use details from the text to support their ideas? Do children use language and vocabulary from the unit texts and content? How do children listen to and respond to their peers?		
Center Activities	Art Studio	Children create pieces of artwork, inspired by Our Earth.	
	Blocks	Children continue building gardens.	
	Dramatization	Children act out caretaker stories.	
	Library & Listening	Children research caretakers.	
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