Unit 2: Animals and Habitats

WEEK 1 Day 1



Writing Personal Recount

Deconstruction and Joint Construction: Title Joint and Individual Construction

Content Objective	I can choose a title for my personal recount. (W.3.K.b) I can recommend a title to my classmate. (W.3.K.b) I can tell, draw, and label a personal recount. (W.3.K.b)
Language Objective	I can participate in a class discussion about titles. (SL.1.K.a) I can label my illustrations with sounds I know. (W.3.K.a, L.2.K.c)
Vocabulary	title : the name of a piece of writing personal recount : a genre of writing whose purpose is to document a sequence of events and to entertain
Materials and Preparation	 jointly constructed Personal Recount Stages chart, from Unit 1, Week 5, Day 3 teacher whiteboard and markers drawing and writing books drawing and writing tools in caddies
Opening 1 minute	We have been writing a personal recount together as a class. Today we will explore titles in personal recounts and add titles to our work.
Deconstruction 10 minutes	 Point to the Title line on the chart. In personal recounts the title, or name, gives information about what the story will be about, and is interesting to the reader. Remember Bippity Bop Barbershop? What's interesting about this title? Provide time for children to share responses.
Joint Construction 8 minutes	Review the class's personal recount, as necessary to remember its content. What would be a good title for our personal recount? Collect the children's ideas and select a title. Add the agreed-upon title to the chart.

	Last week we charted's and's personal recounts. Let's look at their illustrations and add titles. Think about's personal recount. What would be a good title? Collect the children's ideas and write them on the teacher whiteboard. Select titles.
Individual Construction 10 minutes	Now it's your turn. When you get your drawing and writing book, open to the personal recount you have been working on. As you continue working, I will come around to help you write your title on the page. Send the children to work. As they work, circulate to write their titles.
Closing 1 minute	Today we learned about the titles in personal recounts. Tomorrow we will continue with our personal recounts.
Standards	 W.3.K.b Use a combination of drawing, dictating, writing to narrate a single event or experience, or several loosely linked events or experiences; sequence the narrative appropriately and provide a reaction to what it describes. SL.1.K.a Participate in collaborative conversations about kindergarten topics and texts with peers, and adults in small and larger groups.
Ongoing assessment	After the lesson, review children's titles and take notes on the Personal Recount Observation Tools. How effective are children's titles? Are they informative? interesting? Note that writing titles is a challenging process that will improve over time.

Notes