Weekly Plan Pre-School

Unit Title: We come from different places

Unit Focus: Science / Social Studies

Theme: What do we know about the Sonoran Desert and saguaros?

Standards: _____

This Plan has three purposes: (1) to assist teachers in providing successful teaching / learning experiences in their classrooms, (2) to provide teachers with a program and documents that can be used for the unit, and (3) to allow the teachers to identify the relevant education standards to which this lesson plan may apply.



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OBJECTIVES - (know, be able to do, understand)

- Be able to compare how climate and weather are different in other parts of the world.
- Be able to describe the physical features of the Sonoran Desert and saguaro cactus.
- Be able to locate the Sonoran Desert on a map.
- Know foreign vocabulary for key words.
- Understand how climate affects the animal and plant life of the Sonoran Desert.

LEARNING ACTIVITIES -

- Listen to the book "Saguaro, Sahuaro, Sah-wah-roh Rita the Bird Dog Sonoran Desert Series" by Karla Lehmann.
- Sing the "Saguaro, Sahuaro, Sah-wah-roh" and "Rita the Bird Dog" songs.
- Create art projects based on the saguaro.

TEACHER RESOURCES -

- Saguaro, Sahuaro, Sah-wah-roh Rita the Bird Dog Sonoran Desert Series by Karla Lehmann.
- Saguaro craft, Sonoran Desert map, desert animal pictures with language vocabulary, and Rita the Bird Dog puzzle downloaded from www.GeographicTongueEditions.com

MATERIALS NEEDED -

• Glue, scissors, corrugated cardboard (or green construction paper or neoprene), green paint, crayons, pen or pencil



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Skills

Day 1:

- Story time with "Saguaro, Sahuaro, Sah-wah-roh Rita the Bird Dog Sonoran Desert Series" by Karla Lehmann
- Review the map in the book
- Discuss what climate is and how it impacts plants and animals
- Introduce vocabulary and words in other languages
- Sing the "Saguaro, Sahuaro, Sah-wah-roh" and "Rita the Bird Dog" songs
- Rita the Bird Dog puzzle

Day 2:

- Discuss the desert dwellers whose lives are impacted by the saguaro cactus
- Play game holding up pictures with vocabulary and words in other languages - ask children to identify the pictures in their native language and then you can practice the other languages as well
- Draw/color the map
- Learn the words to the "Saguaro, Sahuaro, Sah-wah-roh" and "Rita the Bird Dog" songs

Speaking:

- Compare different geographies
- Describe and discuss familiar experiences like hiking or seeing wild animals

Writing:

- Trace the different shapes used in Rita the Bird Dog puzzle and color the picture
- Color the puzzle and the map

Presenting:

• Learn a song

Listening:

• Listen to specific information

Reading:

 Reading "Saguaro, Sahuaro, Sah-wah-roh -Rita the Bird Dog Sonoran Desert Series" by Karla Lehmann



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