

Weekly Plan Pre-School

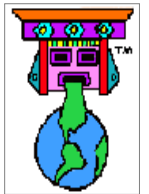
Unit Title : We come from different places

Unit Focus : Science /Social Studies

Theme : What do we know about the Great Plains?

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 Great Plains and prairies.
- Be able to locate the Great Plains on a map.
- Know foreign vocabulary for key words.
- Understand how climate affects the animal and plant life of the Great Plains.

LEARNING ACTIVITIES -

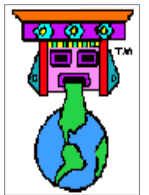
- Listen to the book "Rita the Bird Dog Travels the Great Plains" by Karla Lehmann.
- Sing the "Great Plains Prairie" and "Rita the Bird Dog" songs.
- Create art projects based on the Great Plains.

TEACHER RESOURCES -

- "Rita the Bird Dog Travels the Great Plains" by Karla Lehmann.
- Buffalo and Indian headdress crafts, Great Plains and prairie preserve maps, Great Plains animal pictures with language vocabulary, and Rita the Bird Dog puzzle downloaded from www.GeographicTongueEditions.com

MATERIALS NEEDED -

- Glue, staples, scissors, construction paper or neoprene, yarn, elastic, crayons, pen or pencil

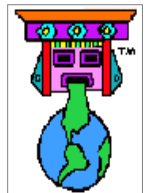


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Contents	Skills
<p>Day 1:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Story time with "Rita the Bird Dog Travels the Great Plains" by Karla Lehmann • Review the map in the book • Discuss what climate is and how it impacts plants and animals • Introduce vocabulary and words in other languages • Sing the "Great Plains Prairie" and "Rita the Bird Dog" songs • Rita the Bird Dog puzzle <p>Day 2:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discuss the animals of the Great Plains • 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 "Great Plains Prairie" and "Rita the Bird Dog" songs. 	<p>Speaking :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Compare different geographies • Describe and discuss familiar experiences like hiking or seeing wild animals <p>Writing :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trace the different shapes used in Rita the Bird Dog puzzle and color the picture • Color the puzzle and the map <p>Presenting :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learn a song <p>Listening :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Listen to specific information <p>Reading :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reading "Rita the Bird Dog Travels the Great Plains" by Karla Lehmann.



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