

Lesson Plan

Grade: Preschool/Early Elementary

Title: The Kings and Queens of Wild Things

Supplies in the resource kit:

- Bulletin Board Borders
- Double Sided Tape
- Liquid Glue
- Small containers for nature items

Supplies needed:

- Collection of nature supplies
 - *Flowers, Leaves, Seeds, Nuts, Grasses*
- Stapler/Staples
- Scissors

Objectives

- Explore the outdoors safely
- Define Recycle
- Create a crown using things from nature
- Collect and Identify things from nature
- Exercise creative thinking
- Foster a relationship with nature
- Use fine motor skills

Modifications/Ideas for implementation

- Read "*Where the Wild Things Are*"
- Students can find their own nature supplies, bring them in from home or the teacher can provide them
- Talk about recycling



Procedures

Get started:

1. Prepare your materials
 - a. Whether you're having students collect their own nature items or providing them for them
2. The Hook
 - a. Ask students if they've ever wondered what it would be like to be a King or Queen and tell them they will get to pretend they are one today. They will become the Kings and Queens of Wild Things (Nature); it is their duty to see that the earth is cared for properly.
 - b. Their crowns will be made of **RECYCLED** materials from nature.
 - i. Recycle: Making something old into something new or reusing something for a new purpose.
3. Select boundaries
 - a. If going outside make sure students know where they are allowed to collect items from and how long they have to collect them. We recommend 15 minutes.
4. Design and Creation
 - a. Gather the students back together and allow them time to look at their collections and share what they found their friends and peers. They can trade and share items if they want.
 - b. Pass out bulletin board borders and double sided tape. For smaller kids, put the tape on the border prior to passing out.
 - c. Students tape and glue their nature objects to their crowns. Staple in a circle when complete.
5. Crowning
 - a. Host a crowning ceremony where all students put their crowns on and become Kings and Queens. Discuss what they can do as leaders to help keep nature safe and other ways they can recycle.
6. Enjoy and Imagine
 - a. Allow 10-15 minutes of play and imagination with their new crowns; outside play is recommended if possible.