

Goodnight Moon

Subject:

Language, vocabulary, and rhyming development.

Focus and Overview:

This is a bedtime story. It describes the process of a child saying goodnight to everything around him or her.

Purpose:

A highly acclaimed bedtime story introduces rhyming to young children. This classic story is about a bunny describing his bedtime rituals of saying goodnight to several things in his bedroom.

Objectives:

- Awareness of receptive and expressive knowledge.
- Observing and exploring written language.
- Observing the environment.
- Awareness of day and night times.

Resources and Materials:

Goodnight Moon by Margaret Wise Brown.

Activities and Procedures:

1. Read the story to the infant/toddler, emphasizing and enunciating the sound of each word.
2. After reading each page, ask questions about the story and assess their comprehension (e.g., Where is the red balloon? What do you see in this picture? Who are you going to say goodnight to?).
3. In the infant/toddler babbles, respond to the babbling that they create. Responding to or imitating the intonation and rhythm of adult conversation reinforces language development.
4. Hold a conversation about the things observed in the book and then ask about the familiar things or objects the child sees in his or her room. Holding a conversation between infants/toddlers and adults adds new words and provides more structure, form, and content to the child's language repertoire.

Tying It All Together:

This lesson plan promotes new vocabulary growth, visual discrimination, and understanding of story sequencing. Not only is this activity cognitively stimulating, but also it encourages language development. It allows children to interact with others socially while having fun in the process of learning about things in their environment.

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