

Integrating Video into Lessons

Lesson # 1: Book Talks

I think a fun way to use videos in my classroom to promote literacy is by having students do book talks. They could do book talks like a commercial trying to promote to their classmates to read the book they have read. They could use clips to be creative and make short commercials. I would play a commercial everyday in my class and make sure I have the book being promoted out. This would be great for third graders to do as they are being introduced to chapter books. Through this lesson, students will be exposed to wide reading. In addition, student will learn the different elements in a story. The book talk commercials will act as an assessment to check for understanding on elements of a story.

Lesson #2 : Current Events

A lesson I would teach my third graders would be on the standard of teaching them about current or past historical event in the United States. My students pick a current or historical event with groups and make a news cast on this event. I would show them videos of examples of news anchors and teach them how these anchors prepare by planning, writing out questions and researching for answers. This would help them with their social studies, but also help them in writing skills. I think they would have fun making up their own channel and while I assess them on their knowledge on historical events in their country.

Lesson #3: What's the Weather?

In class we would learn about the Earth's weather and climate in different seasons and regions. Students would pick a region around the world to investigate their climate and

weather during summer or winter months. They would pretend to be a meteorologists and video themselves giving a weather report on that region. They tell us temperatures, natural disasters, weather, what they would wear and what type of activities are done in this type of weather. This would assess them use their weather vocabulary, learn to research climate and weather conditions in different regions. This would also teach them to compare and contrast different regions around the world. I would show them video examples of real life meteorologists going weather reports.

Lesson #4: Understanding Fractions

As a teacher, I would create a video about fractions and what fraction is. I would simply show them how we see fractions constantly in everyday life. In this video I will show them a recipe on how to make cookies and show how the different measuring cups are fractions. Through this recipe I can also how to recognize and created equivalent fractions. I think this would be a great idea to connect with students on how fractions are used in everyday life. I would even bring out the cookies made in the video to share, but first having a review on fraction using the baked cookies. This will be an aid to students when they need a review on fractions.