

Continuing Learning

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Level: Grade Three

Category: Literacy



Title of Lesson: Understanding Characters Through Writing and Drawing

Goals/Objectives: To develop an understanding of character traits from stories.

Materials Needed: Paper, pencil, markers or crayons

Task Instructions:

- Choose a book with strong characters. It can be a book that you read to or with your child, or one that your child has read independently.
- Create a graphic organizer: draw a grid with three columns and three rows, like a tic tac toe board.
- In the first column, have your child write the names of three characters.
- In the second column, have them write down a defining quality/trait of that character, like, "brave" or "loyal."
- In the third column, invite your child to draw a picture representing that character.
- Encourage your child to talk about their graphic organizer: explain why each character was chosen, why they selected each character's quality/trait (cite examples from the book) and describe their drawing.

Ideas inspired by Fountas and Pinnell