

Snow Day 1 – Lesson Plan

Reading

Use the vocabulary quilt and fill in the squares with words from which you don't know the meanings (from your AR book you are currently reading). After you are finished, draw a picture to help you remember the meaning of the word. When you return to school, be prepared to teach the class new vocabulary words and their meanings.

(Attach the vocabulary quilt from the graphic organizer list.)

Snow Day 2 – Lesson Plan

Reading

Read the following reading selection. Give the central idea and 4 details to support the central idea.

The First Brothers of Flight

Jacques and Joseph Montgolfier lived in a town not far from Paris, France. This was many years before the airplane was invented. One day, Joseph threw a paper bag into a fire. Before it could burn, the bag floated up the chimney. This gave the men an idea.

Hot air had been captured inside the bag. It must have been lighter than the cool air around it. Because of this hot air, the bag rose. The brothers decided to test their idea. They made a balloon and filled it with hot air. Like that paper bag, it rose off the ground. Their idea had been right!

The brothers made larger balloons. They wanted to make a balloon big enough to carry a person into the sky.. They wanted to build the world's first flying device.

The brothers finally made a balloon big enough to carry two people. But what if their balloon failed? The passengers could be hurt. They decided to send up animals instead of people. Their first passengers were a goat, a duck, and a rooster. After a smooth flight, the animals landed in a treetop. They had flown two miles. The brothers thought it was time to send a person aloft.

On a clear day in November, a large crowd watched the men fill their giant balloon. A cannon shot was their signal. The brothers untied the ropes that held the balloon to the ground. Two young Frenchmen were on board. They were not the Montgolfier brothers, however.

Finally, the blue and gold balloon rose high into the sky. It glided slightly and calmly over the rooftops of Paris. It was far above the cheering people. The balloon floated for five miles. The courageous passengers landed gently on the ground. The trip had lasted 20 minutes.

The brothers invented a whole new way of traveling. The world would never be the same.

Word bank: **device** – machine

courageous - brave

Main Idea _____

Detail 1: _____

Detail 2: _____

Detail 3: _____

Detail 4: _____

Snow Day 3 – Lesson Plan

Reading

Read the story : **The Travelers and the Tree**

An Aesop Fable retold by Eugene Gannon

Two travelers were worn out by the heat of a summer’s day. At noon, they stopped to rest under a tall cottonwood tree.

As they lay in its shade, one traveler said to the other, “The cottonwood is certainly a useless tree! It doesn’t grow fruit. And its wood is too soft to use for building houses. Why, it isn’t even any good for burning in a fireplace!”

“You’re right,” said the other traveler. “This useless tree might as well blow down in the next storm, for all that it would matter to the world.”

The cottonwood tree angrily shook its leaves above their heads. “How dare you lie in the coolness of my shade and yet call me useless!” it said.

Answer the following questions.

- 1. What is the theme of “The Travelers and the Tree”?**
 - a. People need to find safety from storms.**
 - b. A tree without fruit has no use.**
 - c. There is goodness in most things.**

- 2. What lesson does the author want readers to learn from “The Travelers and the Tree”?**
 - a. Don’t tell others how great you are.**
 - b. Cottonwood trees are not very useful.**
 - c. Be thankful for the things around you.**

3. Describe the setting of this fable. (when and where)

4. Put the following events in the proper order.

_____ **The cottonwood tree angrily shook its leaves above their heads.**

_____ **Two travelers stopped to rest under a cottonwood tree.**

_____ **The travelers discussed how the tree is useless.**

5. List the reasons why the travelers said the tree is not useful.

a.

b.

c.