# **NSDAR Educational Resources Committee**



"Setting the Turkeys Free"

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1. Identify the standards to be addressed: Informational Text Grades K-2:

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2. Statement of the objective and lesson outcomes:

I can present learning to learn skills when my teacher is teaching and communicating with me.

I can answer comprehension questions that are centered around the story of the week.

I can identify story elements from the story of the week.

3. Materials, resources, and technology to be used by teacher/students:

Visual supports (wh questions)

Google slide presentation

Hard copy of book for students to interact with

Mini white boards

**Magenetic letters** 

#### 4. Introduction of the topic:

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#### 6. Lesson closure:

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#### 7. Assessment of Understanding:

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Presented in the presentation is a picture of a turkey and of a cow. The students will then make a prediction about what they think the story will be about.

Assessment: At the end of the lesson, the students will be asked a series of questions revolving around the story elements that were previously taught. Students will also work on spelling/writing out/eye gaze towards core vocabulary words that were found within the story. For this day and introduction of the story, students spell out turkey and fox, which were the main characters that were discussed at the beginning of the lesson and throuhgout the lesson. Once answering the questions in the google slide, students will then review the story elements (title, author and character) by watching the teacher model touching each feature and then repeating the action. As the week continues, the pre and post assessment will look similar but students will be engaged in more activities.

TEAM Lesson Plan-Fall 2020 (Unannounced)	
Teacher:	Ms. Sturgill
Class:	Special Education-CDC A
Course Unit:	ELA
Lesson Title:	"Setting the Turkeys Free" by W. Nikola-Lisa and Ken Wilson-Max

LESSON	Summary of the task, challenge, investigation, career-related scenario, problem,
OVERVIEW	or community link

Students will be introduced to the story of the week, "Setting the Turkeys Free" by W. Nikola-Lisa and Ken Wilson-Max. This story was chosen for students in order to engage their learning for the upcoming holiday, Thanksgiving, as well as motivate them with animals which have been highly motivating in the past across multiple lessons. Students will work on a variety of skills that are geared towards their individual IEPs, as well as core content connectors by the common core state standards. Learning to learn skills will also be addressed and worked on during this lesson, including sitting in their assigned seat, following directions, communicating effectively, as well as answering questions when the teacher approaches them. Activities will gradually be introduced to students throughout the week, focusing on the story and incoroporating story elements, vocabulary, letter recognition, an comprehension questions.

**STANDARDS** Identify what you want to teach. Reference State, Common Core, ACT College Readiness Standards and/or State Competencies.

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OBJECTIVE	Clear, Specific, and Measurable – NOT ACTIVITIES
	Student-friendly

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ASSESSMENT / EVALUATION	Students show evidence of proficiency through a variety of assessments. Aligned with the Lesson Objective Formative / Summative Performance-Based / Rubric Formal / Informal
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MATERIALS	Aligned with the Lesson Objective Rigorous & Relevant
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ACTIVATING STRATEGY	Motivator / Hook An Essential Question encourages students to put forth more effort when faced with complex, open-ended, challenging, meaningful and authentic questions.
This month is November and there is a holiday coming up that deals with a turkey. Do you know what holiday that is?	

INSTRUCTION	Step-By-Step Procedures – Sequence
	Discover / Explain – Direct Instruction
	Modeling Expectations – "I Do"
	Questioning / Encourages Higher Order Thinking
	Grouping Strategies
	Differentiated Instructional Strategies to Drovide Intervention & Extension

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GUIDED &	"We Do" – " You Do"
INDEPENDENT	Encourage Higher Order Thinking & Problem Solving
PRACTICE	Relevance
FRACTICE	Differentiated Strategies for Practice to Provide Intervention & Extension

<u>"We Do"-"You Do":</u> For this lesson, students are working on watching their teacher, presenting learning to learn skills, listening to directions and the story, as well as repeating when the teacher asks. At the beginning of the lesson, students participate in reciprocal play, following the teacher's directions and repeating what is being said and actions done (touching all elements of the story and interacting with the illustrations). Modeling is a prime focus for all lessons within the classroom across a variety of subjects. Before students were asked to respond independently, the teacher made sure to act as the student and show the appropriate behavior that was to be modeled and shown.

**Differentiation:** The groups of students that are participating in this lesson all have specific needs, including behavior, learning and communication. Some students will be responding with a switch that has a preprogrammed word and student would hit it to answer questions, an iPad with a communication system built in it, pictures that help students build sentences, or an eye gaze board that students will use to look at their choice when asked a question. Despite the communication that is being used, all devices will be prepared ahead of time in order for students to have access to this lesson.

Differentiation is a huge piece to every lesson that the students complete within the classroom. This can also include preferential seating, adapted materials, visual supports, token boards to address behaviors, as well as kinesthetic learning strategies that are incorporated into the lesson, such as video modeling or songs. Slant boards are also easily accessible for students who have low muscle tone and cannot maintain eye contact at different levels (students always look down and have difficult tilting their vision to look at materials placed on their desks). Slide-proof material is also placed on the slant board, in order for students to easily work and not knock materials off into the floor if aproxia/ataxia are apparent. On the slant boards for students with high needs and a low cognitive level, velcro is placed on the board in order to secure materials and to better understand responses when asked a question. If they are unable to grasp or reach for materials, they can simply look at their choices and respond with the eye gazing technique.

For students who are able to write but still need a level of support, words are prewritten on their paper in a highlighter and students will trace over them, materials might be cut out prior to their learning in order to assist, and glue caps will be pulled off if student has a difficulty with opening. This will be apparent in the coming activities throughout the week when vocabulary writing, letter identification and sequencing take place.

For students with little to no fine motor skills, answers will be written on slips of paper and that student will participate by making eye contact with and placing the paper onto the worksheet they are completing. Even though they are unable to write, students are still actively engaged in their learning. This will be apparent in the coming activities throughout the week when vocabulary writing, letter identification and sequencing take place.

CLOSURE	Reflection / Wrap-Up
	Summarizing, Reminding, Reflecting, Restating, Connecting

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## **CROSS-CURRICULAR CONNECTIONS**

Daily living/Pre-vocational: Students will practice learning to learning skills, which are incoporated into their daily living within the school environment, as well as the home environment. This includes sitting in their assigned seat, following directions, maintaining a quiet mouth and calm body, as well as communicating when asked a question or to show reciprocal conversations with the teacher.

Reading/print/spelling is incorporated within this lesson. Students are actively following along with the story, depicting words and letters found within each, vocabulary identification, picture sense, and writing/fine motor skills. This also includes finding story elements within the story of the week that they are reading.

Functional communication is crucial for every student, through the use of technology, such as the iPad, or a different form of communication such as visual or oral language if student is able to. The student will reciprocate what they are learning. In order to influence and engage students, sentence strips will be created and readily available in order for students to expand their communication and increase their vocabulary understanding. Comprehension is also incorporated with communication when the students are provided with choices, visuals, as well as a variety of items that are presented. This is also seen as social learning, turn taking, following directions and having the prevocational skills to stay on task during instruction.

Science is highlighted within this lesson when looking at the food chain within the environment. Students learn that the fox wants to get to the turkeys, in order to eat his own meal. Students also learn that in order for us to survive, we must eat, and at times that means animals.

Social studies is the final topic that is covered during this lesson. Students are focusing on a holiday that is approaching, Thanksgiving. This is the beginning of students learning about Thanksigving for this month and will continue to learn more about this holiday throughout the coming weeks, leading up to our Thanksigiving break.

### NOTES:

Instructional and pacing is very important during every small group. If behavior impedes learning, teacher must stop instruction, maintain behavior and then continue with teaching. At times, some behavior may not be visible but teacher must adhere to all negative behavior (unless the goal is to ignore). Students require reinforcement, prompting, as well as redirection during all instruction.

Some students may have a token board in front of them, as well as a timer to help them stay on task, while others might have a visual to help remind them what they are working on (such as staying quiet, etc.).