

THE SISSY DUCKLING

Learning Outcomes or Enduring Understandings

- Students will demonstrate an understanding of gender roles as they relate to children.
- Students can determine beginning/middle/end of a story and represent it.

Kindergarten: Social Studies: Cluster 1 and Cluster 2

Grade 1: Social Studies: Cluster 1: Personal Identity and Cultural Expressions and Cluster 2:

Grade 2: Social Studies: Cluster 1: Personal Identity

Grade 3: Social Studies: Cluster 1: Personal Identity

ELA outcomes

Thinking Concepts and Skills

- Discussing
- Representing
- Creating connections: text to self
- Empathy for others

Students Tasks to Demonstrate Learning (Assessment of Learning)

- Whole group discussions.
- Representing their role in their family through drawing.
- Comic Strip

Learning Assessment Strategies (Assessment as, for Learning)

Activate

1. Brainstorm/discuss: What do you think a sissy is? A tomboy?
2. Record student responses on a piece of chart paper or the whiteboard.
3. Complete a picture walk of the book *The Sissy Duckling* by Harvey Fierstein with the class.
 - Record any other responses to the discussion question.
4. After the picture walk, ask students:
 - What are some of the roles within families?
 - How do you help in your family?

Acquire

Introduce students to Elmer the duck via the book *The Sissy Duckling* by Harvey Fierstein or via video. As you read, take time to discuss Elmer's feeling and how they would feel in that situation.

Apply

K-1: Have students draw a picture of something they do to help their family and how they would feel if they were told it makes them a sissy or tomboy.

K-4: Draw a three to five frame comic of an event related to gender roles. It can be a real or fictional situation. Ex. A boy wearing dresses at school and children tease him or a girl who plays football and is teased for playing a 'boys' sport.

Learning Resources (Books, websites, videos etc...)

The Sissy Duckling, Harvey Fierstein ill. Henry Cole Aladdin paperbacks, 2002

Movie of *The Sissy Duckling* HBO Animated