



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