

Lesson Plan

Grade Level: 1st Grade

Lesson #3

“Caps for Sale” - Pin the cap on the Monkey!

Standards Met

N/A

Notes

Although this lesson does not align with Common Core academic standards for Grade 1, it is an exercise in teamwork. This game is designed to run as a single- or double-elimination competition so that every team gets at least 2 tries. There are free bracket printables and softwares available online; the teacher can draw/project the bracket on the board.

Learning Target

- I can collaborate with my peers to complete a task.
- I'll show this by helping my teammate place a cap on a monkey's head while they are blindfolded.

Materials Needed

Large printable monkey or drawing of a monkey on chart paper

Printable cut-out caps

Supplies for decorating (crayons, markers, paint, puff paint, etc.)

Double-sided tape

Bracket for tracking team progress

Do Now

Students start by reviewing the story “Caps for Sale” and sharing what they’ve learned through the book. The teacher can focus specifically on how the monkeys worked together as a team.

Activity 1

Each student pair takes some time to decorate a cap that they will use for the game. This will be their TEAM CAP! The winning cap will be displayed on a poster of a monkey in class. Students can also vote on monkey names for the poster monkeys that will be used in the game.

Activity 2

The rules of the game are explained to the class. Each pair of students will work together to help direct a blindfolded partner to tape the cap on the monkey. After each round, the winner proceeds to the next match. The teacher can serve as a judge for each round, or a select group of students can serve as judges. Whichever students get the cap closest to sitting squarely on the monkey's head moves to the next round.

Closure

The teacher discusses what strategies helped each team get their cap on the monkey head. What was it like to work together on a team? What did you learn from the experience?

Printable Materials

Picture of monkey(s)

Blank caps for decorating























