TEACH North Texas

Project-Based Instruction Ready, Set, FLY! –Kite Construction

Kite Construction Investigation

Authors:

Title of Lesson: Kite Construction

Date of Lesson: Week 3

Length of Lesson: 4 days

Concepts: Review, revisions, and completion of kite

Objectives:

- Students will be able to make final additions/corrections to their kite blueprint.
- Students will be able to select the final materials for their groups kite
- Students will be able to finish the prototype of their kite
- Students will be able to test their kite
- Students will be able to make final revisions to their kite

Safety: Students must use safety equipment when working with selected materials.

Materials List and Advanced Preparations: Purchase a variety of kite materials and display many options for the students. Kite fabric, glue, dowels, etc. Attempt to have a large selection for the students. Student math journals, Group blueprints, material check out lists. Project rubric, measuring tool

Accommodations: Students diagnosed with ADHD will be provided with a checklist to complete during every day's events. These students must display their journals to the instructors after each day to show accomplishments.

English Language Learners will be provided with goals and instructions on the board for completion goals of the day.

Vision impaired students will be provided will be grouped with students who will help with the disability. The vision impaired students will be able to feel the materials and be a key part to the material selection.

Gifted and talented students will be required to keep a journal about their everyday tasks and goals for the project. They will also make comments on how they feel they will improve the kite personal.



ENGAGEMENT		Time:10 Minutes
What the Teacher Will Do	Probing/Eliciting Questions	Student Responses and Misconceptions
Day 1	"What changes are you	answers will vary
Have students split into their	making to your	
work groups. Groups will have	blueprint, if any?"	
revised and completed blueprints		
from earlier work times. At this	"Why did you change	answers will vary
point, students will be told the	this about your	
materials allotted and asked to	blueprint?"	
revise blueprints accordingly.		



	Time: Minutes
Probing/Eliciting Questions	Student Responses and Misconceptions
"What materials did you pick for your kite and why?"	answers will vary
"How do you feel about your prototype kite?"	answers will vary
"How do you think your kite will work?"	answers will vary
"How much do you think your kite will be affected by the current weather?"	The kite will fly better with more constant and controlled wind
"What did you learn after testing your kite?"	answers will vary
"What do you plan on changing during the next class?"	answers will vary
"What revisions have you made, or are going to make, on your kite today" "What measurements are you making on your completed kite?"	answers will vary area of the kite perimeter of the kite
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Day 5	
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Kite flying contest!	
Groups will choose who will fly	
the kite, who will record the	
needed data, who will use the	
tools, and who will lead the	
team. At this point, kites will be	
completed and ready to fly.	
Instructor will bring all	
measuring tools needed to	
complete the objectives.	
Instructor must follow rubric to	
judge the groups kites	
accordingly.	

EVALUATION		Time: Minutes
What the Teacher Will Do	Probing/Eliciting Questions	Student Responses and Misconceptions
Students will be graded on completion of math journal and spending time wisely.		
After completion of kite contest Hold a class wise discussion talking about each kite. What went well, didn't go well, and what can be done to improve the kite	"What went well with your kite?" "Did your kite fly as well as expected? If so, how?" "What didn't work the way you expected?" "What would you change on your kite after completing the competition?" "What did you really like about the construction of your kite?"	

