What is a Verb?

Students will be able to define and give examples of verbs by telling about how they celebrate their birthdays.

Grade Level: K - 3rd
Subject: English/Language Arts
Length of Time: 30 - 40 Minutes

Common Core Alignment

CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.L.3.1.D - Form and use regular and irregular verbs.

Objectives & Outcomes

After a lesson on verbs, the learners will be able to give appropriate verbs to any person or animal the teacher tells to them to describe.

Materials Needed

- small boxes
- wrapping paper
- ribbons
- tape

Procedure

Opening to Lesson

- Ask the class to sing the birthday song.
- Encourage them to talk about how they celebrate their birthday.
- This should be an introduction to tell about action words or Verbs. The purpose is not just to introduce Verbs but to help the children understand that birthdays are special days so we celebrate the days that someone is born.

Body of Lesson

- Remind students that verbs are action words.
- Show the students the procedure of how to wrap a gift using different verbs. Students should be wrapping a box at their desk as teacher models.
- Next, have each student switch wrapped boxes with a partner. All must be able to have a box.
- Now ask them to imagine what they wish is inside their wrapped box. What can it do for them?
• Request them to make sentences that use verbs to tell how the gift they imagine can be useful for them.
• Do the optional activity if desired. (Modification and Differentiation)

Closing
• As a class, discuss many of the verbs that were used in the activity today. Write verbs on the board or on to chart paper.
• Ask them what will they do on their next birthday.

Assessment & Evaluation
Students will be asked to write down five verbs (or draw - depending on grade). The verbs do not have to be the ones that were discussed in the lesson.

Modification & Differentiation
• Students can be partnered up. This will allow high and low achieving students to collaborate and work on their strengths and weaknesses.
• Encourage children to participate in academic vocabulary. Ask students to talk to one another and describe their favorite birthday party using verbs to describe what they did.

Related Lesson Plans

Writing Narratives
In this lesson, students will use a graphic organizer for narrative writing.

Moody Reading: Reading with Expression
This lesson will be used to help students understand how to read with expression by choosing an expression to read with regardless of what is written.

Author's Purpose
Students will have the opportunity to delve into the world of "Author's Purpose" with this engaging lesson. This lesson is aligned with 2nd grade standards and expectations.

Main Idea
This lesson is designed to help students' comprehension and Analysis of Grade-Level Appropriate Text.