

Read Aloud: Horton Hatches the Egg and Character Traits

Materials

- Book: "Horton Hatches the Egg" by Dr. Seuss
- Chart Paper
- Giant Virtues: Character trait descriptions

Time:

2 15-25 minute sessions

Ages:

K-2

Lesson

- This lesson will take place after all of the character traits (Giant Virtues in our school) have been reviewed
- In the first session, read "Horton Hatches the Egg" aloud for the first time with no introduction, just let students take in the story, the style, and the message.
 - Ask students what they noticed in the story?
- In the second session, read the character traits and put students in charge of different character traits: responsibility, respect, courage, perseverance, integrity, etc... Students are responsible for their character trait and must be ready with at least one example of when they saw that trait in the book.
 - This time the students have a purpose. Their purpose is to look for times when Horton exemplifies their given virtue.
 - After thinking on their own, share with a partner, share with the group as the teacher writes ideas on chart paper about character traits that Horton has in the book
 - Student's purpose is to relate character traits they have been learning about with the character, Horton, in the book, "Horton Hatches an Egg."