

Day 4:

Language Arts- Reading Strategy Focus: Making Connections

Good readers make connections between a story and their own lives. For example, a character may remind you of a person that you know. Perhaps the setting of the story resembles the town you live in. As you complete this assignment, think about people or places in your own life that may resemble the characters and settings in the story you will read.

To complete this activity, you must first read the short story *Bears in the City*. It is not necessary for you to answer the discussion questions within the story, but you may respond to them if you so choose.

After you have read the short story, brainstorm and make a list of different places in your own town/community. It could either be places you have actually visited or places that you are interested in going to see. Write down a minimum of five places. Once your list is complete, choose your top two and read over the assigned writing prompt.

PROMPT: Pretend that you are planning a tour of your favorite places in your town/community. Write a descriptive paragraph about the two places you chose that will make other people want to visit. Be sure to use descriptive words within your response. Include detail, names and any other important information that would encourage others to visit your favorite places. You can choose to create a travel brochure, a power point, or a poster to add to your descriptive paragraph.

Science- Research a weather instrument

A meteorologist is a scientist who studies weather. They study the weather by using different types of tools. They do not use ordinary tools such as hammers and screwdrivers. Meteorologists use special types of tools to help them correctly report the weather.

For this activity, you are to research one type of weather tool, or *instrument*, a meteorologist uses to measure the weather. You may use any

references that you have available to you. Be sure to include the following information in your response:

1. The name of your tool or instrument
2. The type of weather your tool is responsible for measuring
3. What it looks like
4. How the it is used
5. Any other interesting facts about your weather tool

Keep in mind that some of your classmates may have never heard about the weather tool you chose. Be sure to be as descriptive and detailed as possible in your response.

Math-

Discovery Education- Math

Oh, no!! You have just met a Mythical Sphinx. She is part lion, part eagle and part human female. To get past her, you must answer her math riddle about a great city. She only gives you two tries. The donkey will help you. The sphinx will eat you if you miss the riddles. Read the story first. Then click on start game. Good Luck!!!

Visit the website below to try and beat the Math Sphinx!
<http://school.discoveryeducation.com/mathgames/sphinx/>

Social Studies-

State Research Collage

Pick a state you would like to research. Make a collage including the following:

- State motto
- State flower
- State tree
- Date of Statehood
- Nickname
- Region
- State flag

- State bird
- 3 current events in your state
- any other interesting and valuable information



"Bears in the City"

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The Three Bears' visit to New York City is full of surprises.

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"My, but it's a big town," Mama Bear said. She stood by the window of the hotel room, looking at the busy street below. She had a worried look on her furry face. "I hope we don't get lost."

"Now, Mama, don't worry," said Papa Bear. He was looking at a colorful map. "It's easy to find your way around, if you just follow the map," he said.

"I want to go to the zoo!" whined Baby Bear.

"All in good time," said Papa Bear. "First we're going to visit the top of the Empire State Building." Papa Bear began loading his video camera, tapes, and batteries into a backpack. "Then we're going to some museums. Then we're visiting the Stock Exchange. Then—"

"But I want to look at some animals!" Baby Bear cried.

"Dear, you can see all sorts of animals back in the forest," Mama Bear said. "Since we're in the big city, let's see how people live."

Baby Bear gave a disappointed little growl. Their hotel room was small. The noise of honking cars and roaring traffic hurt his ears. If this was how people lived, he thought, they could have it.

"Ready troops?" Papa Bear said. "Let's hit the streets!"

The Three Bears headed out of the hotel room for their first day of vacation in New York City.

Mama Bear and Papa Bear were so excited that they didn't notice that Papa Bear had left his map on the bed.

Meanwhile, in the hotel lobby, a cute little girl with curly blonde hair watched people come and go. When the Three Bears got off the elevator, the little girl sat up.

"Bears in a hotel?" she thought. "That's a new one."

Goldie Lox (that was the girl's name) listened as Papa Bear left his room key at the front desk. "We're going to be coming back late," Papa Bear told the clerk.

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"Your key will be waiting," the clerk said. He hung the key on a rack. Goldie watched as the Three Bears marched out the door and away. Then she went to the front desk.

"Do you have any messages for me?" Goldie asked the clerk in her sweetest, most innocent voice. "My name is Lox. Goldie Lox."

"Hmmm. There are no messages here," the clerk said. "Maybe there are some in our message center in the back room."

"Could you check?" Goldie asked. The clerk turned and went into the back room. He came out a few seconds later.

"I'm sorry, miss," the clerk said. "There are no messages for—"

The clerk stopped. Goldie was gone. The clerk shrugged his shoulders, then returned to work.

He didn't notice that something else was gone...the key to the Three Bears' room.

"Darn it!" Goldie said. She was in the Three Bears' room, looking through their stuff. Goldie had found nothing but some jars of honey and Papa Bear's map. Being Bears, the three of them hadn't even packed clothes.

Goldie was tired, so she decided to take a minute to rest. She headed to a big chair in the corner and sat down.

"Who was this chair made for?" Goldie asked herself as she sank into the cushions. "It's way too soft." Goldie pulled herself from the chair and sat in another one near a writing desk.

"Ouch!" Goldie said. "This is way too hard." She spied another chair near the TV. She sat down.

"Ahhh," Goldie said. "This one is just right."

Goldie turned on the TV. Words on the screen told her that she'd have to pay money for every movie she watched. Goldie ignored the words and changed the channel to a movie.


Bullets flew on the screen. Bombs fell. Goldie watched the war movie for a few minutes. "This is way too violent," she said, changing channels.

The next movie was a romance. Goldie watched for a minute or two as a couple kissed. "This movie is way too sappy," she said, changing channels. This time, a comedy came on the TV.

"Ahhh," Goldie said. "This one is just right."

By now, Goldie was feeling hungry. She opened the small refrigerator in the room. Inside it, she saw three bags of snacks: peanuts, pretzels, and chips. Goldie was about to open the peanuts, when she got an idea.

"Why am I eating this junk?" Goldie said. "I could order room service!"



It was late at night by the time the Three Bears made it back to their hotel. Their feet were sore, their eyelids were heavy, and their stomachs growled.

"I want the key to our room," Papa Bear told the clerk. "We're the Three Bears."

The clerk turned to the rack. A worried look crossed his face. "Hmmm. Your key seems to be missing."

"Oh, that's perfect," Baby Bear groaned.

"Shhh!" Mama Bear said, quieting her son.

"Here is a spare key," the clerk said, handing it to Papa Bear. "Would you like a wake-up call in the morning?"

Papa Bear growled and shook his head, as he led Mama Bear and Baby Bear to the elevators.

The day had not gone well for the Three Bears. Without a map, they got in a subway heading in the wrong direction. Instead of going to the Empire State Building, they ended up way out in Brooklyn. Of course, no one in Brooklyn had ever seen bears before, at least not bears outside of cages. Whenever the Bears stopped someone to ask directions, the person would scream and run away. Finally, after many hours of wandering under the hot sun, the Three Bears had walked all the way back to their hotel.

"Gee, that was a fun way to spend the first day of our vacation," Baby Bear said, sarcastically, as they walked down the hallway.

"I don't want to hear it," Papa Bear grumbled as he unlocked the door to their room. "I just want to take a hot bath and relax."

Papa Bear opened the door—then froze. He saw their luggage spread out on the floor.

"Oh, no!" Papa Bear said. "Someone's been looking through my suitcase!"

"And someone's been looking in my suitcase," Mama Bear said.

"And someone's been looking in my suitcase," Baby Bear whined, "And they took all of my honey!"

Papa Bear tiptoed into the room. He stepped on a piece of paper that had been slipped under the door. Papa Bear picked up the paper and gasped.

"What's wrong?" Mama Bear asked.

"It's a bill from the hotel!" Papa Bear said. "Someone's been charging movies to our room! And someone's been making long distance phone calls! And someone's been ordering porridge from room service!"

Baby Bear stared at his bed. A head of blonde curls rested on the pillow.

"And that someone is still here!" Baby Bear said.





DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. *Why are the Bears in the big city?*
2. *Why do you think Goldie was in the hotel lobby? What does Goldie do after the Bears leave?*
3. *What happens to the Bears over the course of the day?*
4. *What do you think will happen next? Think about the traditional version of "Goldilocks and the Three Bears." Then review the story so far. Make a prediction about how it will turn out.*

Now continue reading to see if you were right.

Mama Bear screamed with fear. Goldie sat up, half asleep. She saw Papa Bear grab the telephone. Goldie started to get out of the bed.

"Don't move!" Papa Bear said.

"What are you going to do?" Goldie asked.

"What do you think?" Papa Bear said. "I'm calling the cops! You broke into our room, went through our stuff, charged food to my credit card...."

Goldie sobbed. "I'm sorry," she said. "I just get so tired and hungry. The city is so big, and I'm so small."

"Do you live here?" Mama Bear asked Goldie.

Goldie nodded. "I was born and raised in New York. But I'm too young to have a job, and I need money to survive."

"Hmmm," Baby Bear said. "Do you know how to get to the zoo?"

"Yes," Goldie asked.

"How about the Empire State Building?" Mama Bear asked.

"Of course," Goldie replied.

"Do you know the directions to the Stock Exchange?" Papa Bear asked.

"Sure I do," Goldie said. "Why do you ask?"

Papa Bear smiled at Mama Bear. She smiled back. "I just figured out how you can pay us back," Papa Bear said.

And that's how "Goldie Lox Big Apple Tours" got its start. If you're ever in New York, and a bear or a deer or a badger stops to ask you for directions, just tell them to call GOL-D-LOX and ask for the grand tour.

Tell them to say the Three Bears sent you.

