Tight on Time: Tips for Teaching the Four Skills in Every Young Learner Lesson
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Webinar Plan

Getting Organised
  – Routines
  – Add-ons
  – Images
  – Board activities

Summing up

Staying Organised

Q’s and A’s
Which of the skills gets most neglected in the classroom?
Getting Organised
Routines
Routines:
Starting a Lesson

How are you feeling today (Tomas)?

I’m feeling (happy) today because (it’s sunny).
Routines:
Exit Tickets

After this webinar
I'm going to ...
Routines:
Choice Boards

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<td>Draw a picture of your friend. Label 5 things.</td>
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<td>Write 3 things your friend likes and 3 things your friend doesn't like.</td>
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<td>Write a fact file with 5 interesting things about your friends.</td>
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<td>Interview your friend. Ask 4 questions.</td>
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<td>Write a poem or a song about your friend.</td>
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<td>Make a list of five things a friend does (or doesn't do!).</td>
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Routines:
Show and Tell

Now I can ask for help, give direction, and talk about my...
Routines: Journals

This journal belongs to Kati
Routines: DEAR Time

Drop

Everything

And

Read
Add-ons
+ After a Speaking Activity

• Retell with a new audience
• Write a summary
• Give peer feedback
• Ask (and answer) questions

Any other ideas?
+ After a Writing Activity

- Read and say (P/W)
- Write questions
- Act out

Any other ideas?
+ After a Reading Activity

• Retell
• Write a diary entry (as a character)
• Write a review
• Discussion question(s)
• Act out
• ‘Wanted’ posters

Any other ideas?
+ After a Listening Activity
   (More Listening)

• Put the (words/pictures) in order.
• Bingo!
• Who mentions ... ? Write A or B. (dialogues)
• Which of these (words/pics) isn’t mentioned?

Any other ideas?
Images

Holi in India

Every spring, people in India celebrate a holiday called Holi. Holi is a celebration filled with joy and fun. Families dance and sing in the streets. People build large fires to warm the soil for planting. During Holi, people throw colored powder on each other. The powder is traditionally made with flowers. By the end of Holi, colors cover everyone!

Holiday
Colours and Lights
by Mary McPherson

Young Explorer
Staying Cool

The fox looks for shade. A tree blocks sunlight. This shady spot is cooler.

The fox goes into its den. Sunlight does not shine there. It is cool under the ground.
1. Outside in a patio.
2. Yes, they are.
3. Pink
Images:
Alternative Personas

That’s me!
I’m wearing ...

My name is ...

I’m with ...

Yes, they are
Images: Memory Game
Images: Memory Game

1. What are the women looking at?
2. How many women are there?
3. What colours are the women wearing?
Board Activities: Questions

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Board Activities: Stories

Photo courtesy of Anna Pires, Portugal
Board Activities: Homes

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Summing Up

- Reading
- Speaking
- Writing
- Listening
A Simple Framework

- Add a ‘skills’ section to your lesson plan.
- Highlight explicit skills focus in the classbook.
- Look for implicit skills focus in classbook.
- Note any skill being neglected.
- Think about where you can add some practice.
Staying Organised
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