Activity Guide #1

Isabel and the Hungry Coyote / Isabel y el coyote hambriento

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Subjects
Language Arts
Geography
Art

Brief Description
In this activity, children work individually to learn the art of writing their own stories. Children write a version of their favorite fairy tale using the original story as a template. The setting of the American southwest desert provides opportunities for map work/geography lessons plus indigenous plant and animal identification.

Objectives
- Improve writing skills and the ability to think creatively
- Correctly identify locations on a map
- Learn to identify animal species and locate animal habitats
- Learn to identify desert plant species
- Improves interpersonal communication

Key Words
Writing skills, story writing, story concepts and concepting, American southwest region, deserts, desert plants, desert animals, terrariums, coloring pages

Grade Level(s)
3-4

Materials Needed
Writing materials
Map/Globe
Arts and crafts supplies, glue and clean, dry sand
Glass container and plants for terrarium

Activities
- Read several fairy tales with the original story line intact. Have children select a favorite fairy tale and create their own version of the story. They can rename characters, choose an alternate setting, change the ending of the story, etc.

- Younger kids may want to act out the story.
- Have children read their stories aloud to the class.
- Have children write a continuation of *Isabel and the Hungry Coyote / Isabel y el coyote hambriento*. What would Isabel do when/if Coyote came back? Does anything happen to Coyote after he eats the tamales and chili sauce? Does he learn a lesson? What does Isabel learn?
- A multitude of desert plants and animals are portrayed in *Isabel and the Hungry Coyote / Isabel y el coyote hambriento*. Name each plant and animal and find the habitat in which they live on a map or globe. Where are all the deserts in the world? Locate them on a map or globe.
- Color the picture provided at coloring pages link**.** Draw your favorite *Isabel and the Hungry Coyote / Isabel y el coyote hambriento* animal and color or paint with appropriate colors. Create a desert scene using glue and sand to make the background. Plant a terrarium of desert plants for the classroom.

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