

Lesson Plan

Love to Learn

Book: *Working at a School*

Series: People at Work

Level: Scout

Objective

To help students practice answering questions based on the main ideas from a book and writing sentences that express opinions.

Supplies

- *Working at a School* book
- Paper and pencils

Before the Activity

Read *Working at a School* out loud to students.

Activity

To start, ask students to list some of the things the book says people learn at school. Students should include the following answers:

- learn to write
- learn about art
- learn about music
- learn about books
- learn about reading
- learn about feelings
- learn about ourselves

Ask students to think about the things they've learned at school. Hand out the sheets of paper. Ask students to write three sentences. The first sentence should say their favorite thing to learn in school. The second and third sentences should explain what they like about it. Read the following sentences out loud as an example: "Learning to read is my favorite. I love books. I want to read books about many different things."

Give students several minutes to think and write their answers. Circle the classroom as they write, providing prompting and support to any students who struggle. Then, invite students to choose a partner. Partners should read their sentences out loud to one another. Then, they should answer the following question:

- Were your answer and your partner's answer the same or different?

Write this question on the whiteboard to help students remember it. After a few minutes, bring the class back together as a large group. Ask for volunteers to share their favorite things to learn. Write their answers on the whiteboard. After everyone has a chance to answer, have students use the list on the whiteboard to answer the following questions:

- Did any students have the same answer?
- What reasons did these students give?

Evaluation

Collect each student's paper at the end of class. Give each student 3 points for writing the sentences, 3 points for reading the sentences out loud to a partner, and 2 points for participating in the group discussions, or up to 8 points.

Standards

This lesson may be used to address the Common Core State Standards' reading standards for informational texts, grade K (RI K.2), and speaking and listening standards, grade K (SL K.1).