



# ANDY & ELMER'S APPLE DUMPLING ADVENTURE LESSON PLAN

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## OBJECTIVES

Provide a story time experience that incorporates grade-level literacy skills and reinforces Good Citizen Behaviors SWAT (Students Will be Able To):

- A. Relate good citizen behaviors to the 4 principles learned in the book:
  - Is it the **Truth**?
  - Is it **Fair** to all Concerned?
  - Will it build **Goodwill** and **Better Friendships**?
  - Will it be **Beneficial** to all concerned?
- B. Show an understanding of new vocabulary
- C. Predict and justify their predictions based on happenings in the story
- D. Demonstrate literal comprehension of story
- E. Be motivated to read the story with their family at home

## LESSON

**Before Reading:** I do this while they are still in their seats. At this time you get to learn names, etc. Show the class the cover of the book.

Introduce vocabulary words using visuals

- Key behavior words – Discuss classroom words that might be the same
- Others they might not understand (see the seven I chose for 2nd grade)
- Check for understanding of the words (I'm thinking of, charades, etc.)

Have a sample 'apple dumpling' to show them

This should take 10 – 15 minutes at maximum. When finished, have them stretch or do exercises. Call them to the story circle by a color they are wearing or letter of alphabet their names begin with, etc.

**During Reading:** Do this in a story telling setting (teacher in chair and kids on floor)

Read the story – showing pictures and stopping at key spots: (I put sticky notes in my book)

- Ask for predictions followed by justifying response based on something from story
- Ask probing questions
- Check for comprehension

**After Reading:** Kids get a bit wiggly here – I vary where I do the activity. Sometime I let them go back to their seats.

- Ask key questions relating to the story to check for understanding (See hand-out)
- Ask what they found interesting or surprising, etc.
- Review the vocabulary by asking students to pick a word and tell
  - How it was used in the story
  - Act it out
  - One that they learned from the story

Introduce the activity book – hopefully the teacher will have a homework assignment to read it that evening with their family. I place a parent letter and the apple dumpling recipe in the book. However, If the children are receiving the picture book, the apple dumpling recipe is already in the back.

## POSSIBLE FOLLOW-UP ACTIVITIES (optional for another day)

- Play Andy and Elmer's Bingo (Game I made) after reading or return another time to play it with the children.
- I have the recipe and a streamlined process for any teacher wishing to make apple dumplings with the class at the time of the reading or a future date.

**dumpling**

**plunked**

**profits**

**fleet of trucks**

**aroma**

**venture**

**coring apples**

**truth**

**fair**

**goodwill**

**better friendship**

**beneficial**