

Fostering Communication Skills of Elementary School Students in Home Economics Education (1): A Lesson Plan

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Abstract

This paper presents a new lesson plan for elementary school home economics teachers addressing "home life and family". Three objectives of the study are identified: to introduce activities in connection with clothing and eating, to teach methods of coping well with problem regarding human relationships, and to teach how to develop and maintain close relationships with other people. The lesson plan used the following activities to achieve these objectives; (1) Role-playing to develop close relationships with other people through verbal communication, (2) Reciprocating generosity in close relationships through presenting a handmade photo frame, and (3) Encouraging students to think way of hosting an enjoyable tea party for a guest.

This lesson plan was developed and carried out over eight sessions.

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