

Lesson Plan for Early Childhood Practitioners

Topic: Introduction to Thinkfinity website

Time: 30 minutes

Objections:

1. Introduce Thinkfinity website to Early Childhood Practitioners.
2. Encourage the practitioners to use as a resource for lesson plans, student interactives, and professional development.

Materials:

- Main computer for presenter
- Projector connected to main computer with sound/speakers
- Screen/wall for projector
- Computers (one for each practitioner or for 2 people to share)
- Internet access
- Post-its
- Chart paper

Time (in minutes)	
5	Introduction: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Give each practitioner a post-it and ask him/her to write down his/her favorite website to find free lesson plans and one reason why it is his/her favorite website.2. Allow the practitioners to introduce themselves and share their favorite website. Place the post-its on the chart paper titled "Favorite Websites"
4	Lesson Plan: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Using main computer and projector "Take a Tour" to allow the practitioners to view highlights of the website
1	<ol style="list-style-type: none">2. Scroll over the different tabs ("In the Classroom", "At Home & Afterschool", "Professional Development", "Get Connected", and "About Us") to show the subtabs.
2	<ol style="list-style-type: none">3. Go back to "In the Classroom" and click "Lesson Plans"<ol style="list-style-type: none">a. Using their computers have everyone search "shoes", "lesson plans", "PreK" and "select all subjects"b. Allow the practitioners to choose one of the two lessons plans to review.
1	<ol style="list-style-type: none">4. Go back to "In the Classroom" and click "Student Interactives"<ol style="list-style-type: none">a. Show the practitioners how to play "Ten Frame"b. Allow the practitioners to play "Ten Frame"
1	<ol style="list-style-type: none">5. Using the main computer show the practitioners "Today in History"
1	<ol style="list-style-type: none">6. Using the main computer show the practitioners "Standards Alignments"<ol style="list-style-type: none">a. Under "State Standards" Click "Browse by Standards"b. Enter "PA" for state "K" for grade; "Language Arts" for subjectc. Click on one of the "View Results" to connect to a lesson plan aligned to that particular standard.
10	<ol style="list-style-type: none">7. Allow the practitioners time to explore the website on their own computers. While they are exploring encourage them to be ready to report 3 things they really like about the website.
5	Conclusion: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Refer back to the post-its from the beginning of the lesson and ask the practitioners how Thinkfinity compares to their favorite website.