

Children's Literature Across the Curriculum Ideas

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Title: *Chicken Sunday*

Author: Patricia Polacco

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Grade Level: K-4

Summary: Miss Eula's grandchildren devise a plan in order to buy her a beautiful hat she has admired for weeks.

Reading/Writing Connections

1. Introduce the book and author. Talk about the author.
2. Have the students speculate about the story just by reading the title.
3. Read the story to the class. Discuss parts of the story while reading.
4. Discuss with students the difference in wanting something and needing something.
5. Discuss how people feel when they give gifts to others.
6. Talk about working and saving money in order to purchase something really not needed but desired.
7. Give each children a decorated egg and talk about the different ways eggs are decorated.

Vocabulary/Spelling

alley	babushka	beeswax	bonnet	ceremony
Chutzpah	designs	dozen	dye	funnel
glowered	hoppin' john	intricate	pelted	Pysanky
religion	Russian	Spaseeba	Sunday	truth

Library Connections

1. Read *Rechenka's Eggs* also by Patricia Polacco. If available use video from Reading Rainbow-- Polacco demonstrates how Pysanky eggs are created.

Social Studies Connections

1. Discuss the different ethnic backgrounds and religions of the children. Talk about the importance of looking beyond ethnic and religious differences.
2. Talk about how different cultures celebrate holy days and holidays.
3. Talk about the importance of extended families and the knowledge and traditions they pass down.

Science/Health Connections

1. Using different food colorings experiment mixing the colors to make new colors.
2. Provide the students with an egg to decorate using the food coloring.

Mathematics Connections

1. Use math problems to decide how many eggs each child would have to decorate to make 1 dozen and then 2 dozen eggs.
2. Provide students with a cost for the eggs and let them figure out how much money the children made selling 1 dozen eggs.

Publishing

1. Display the children's eggs around the room.