

Dewey Decimal System

Grade Level: 3

Learning Outcomes: Students will know and be able to use the Dewey Decimal System to find books on their own.

IFC Standards:

3.1: Identifies the ten major Dewey areas and what main topics are included in each.

	Learning/Teaching Activities	Resources
Mini-Lesson	<p>Day 1: Explain what the Dewey Decimal System is, show sock monkeys video from TeacherTube.</p> <p>Tell students about the activity. Explain that celebrities will be coming to the library, and they will need help finding books! Choose 11 volunteer celebrities, 11 volunteer librarians, and volunteer helpers from the remainder.</p> <p>Celebrities will be given a script to read that will have them asking for a book on a particular subject.</p> <p>Librarians will help the celebrities find the books they need.</p> <p>Helpers will sit in the “audience” and assist librarians if needed.</p>	<p>http://www.teachertube.com/viewVideo.php?video_id=142916&title=Sock Monkeys Do the Dewey System</p>
Guided Practice	<p>Day 2: Pass out scripts for celebrities and “cheat sheets” to librarians and helpers. Celebrities will practice their lines and librarians will go over subjects in the Dewey Decimal System. Helpers will help the librarians memorize the subjects.</p>	<p>Scripts – see attached</p> <p>“Cheat Sheets” – a list of Dewey hundreds categories with subjects included in each</p>
Independent Practice/Check for Student Understanding	<p>Day 3: Celebrities will don costumes and read their lines by turn. Librarians will assist the celebrities by showing them where to find the books they need. Helpers will be holding cheat sheets, and Librarians can ask for their assistance if needed.</p>	<p>Costumes – Batman, Harry Potter, Junie B. Jones</p>
Sharing and Reflection	<p>How can we find books we want to read?</p> <p>Show students the Dewey Decimal hanging chart, and encourage them to use it when they look for books.</p>	

Assessment	Informal - Are students correctly identifying where the “celebrities” should look for the books they need? Are students using the Dewey Decimal System chart in the library to help them find nonfiction books?	Dewey Decimal System Chart to hang on the library wall
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Follow up/Extensions: Students will refer to the Dewey Decimal System chart on the wall for the remainder of the school year.