**Kindergarten Core Knowledge**

**Literature**

**Kindergarten Dog Tales Unit Organizer**

**Summary**

The students will hear and enjoy traditional fiction stories to enhance their cultural literacy.

**The Big Idea**

Listening to stories helps children develop an understanding of the elements of a story, increases print awareness, and builds vocabulary.

**Colorado State Standards**

**Sayings:**

RWC K.1.1.h Express words and word meanings as encountered in books and conversation

RWC K.1.1.j Relate new vocabulary to prior knowledge

RWC K.1.2.e Use words and phrases acquired through conversations, reading, and being read to, and responding to texts.

**Listening and speaking:**

RWC K.1.1.c Speak audibly and express thoughts, feelings, and ideas clearly

RWC K.1.2.a Participate in collaborative conversations with diverse partners about kindergarten topics and texts with peers and adults in small and larger groups

**Comprehension and Discussion of Read-alouds:**

RWC K.1.2.b Confirm understanding of a text read aloud or information presented orally or through other media by asking and answering questions about key details and request clarification if something is not understood

**Core Knowledge Content:**

1. Fiction
   1. Stories, Fables, Sayings
      1. Little Red Riding Hood
      2. The Wolf and Seven Kids
      3. Bremen Town Musicians
      4. The Dog and His Shadow
      5. A Dog is Man’s Best Friend
2. Listening and Speaking
   1. Classroom Discussion
   2. Presentation of Ideas and Information
   3. Comprehension and Discussion of Read-alouds

**Prior Knowledge:**

Pre-School

\*Nursery Rhymes and poems

- Memorization skills

- Develop a sense of rhyme

\*Story book reading and story telling

- Listen to stories read aloud

- Participate in stories read aloud

- Develop a notion of “story schema”

- Demonstrate an awareness of book and print

**What Students Will Learn in Future Grades:**

**Grade 1**

**\*** Aesop’s Fables: The Boy Who Cried Wolf, The Dog in the Manger, The Wolf in Sheep’s Clothing, The Maid and the Milk Pail, The Fox and the Grapes, The Goose and the Golden Eggs

**Grade 2**

\* Fiction: The Fisherman and His Wife (Brothers Grimm)

**Cross Curricular Links:**

Geography: Identify the Continents, studying Europe and Brothers Grimm are from Germany

Science: Animals and their needs, wild and domestic dogs

Latin: Canis-dog

**Additional Resources:**

For Teachers:

\*Core knowledge, Grade K, Teacher Handbook; Grimm’s Tales for Young and Old, translated by Ralph Manheim (Anchor, 1983). Paperback, 656 pages, ISBN 0385189508

For Children:

\* The Wolf and the Seven Little Kids, illustrated by Graham Percy (Imajen). Book and CD edition, hardcover, 28 pages, ISBN 8482140701; Little Red Riding Hood, retold and illustrated by Trina Schart Hyman (Holiday House, 1987). A Caldecott Honor book. Paperback, ISBN 0823406539