

Who Am I?

Purpose

Students will begin to identify favorite books and stories.

Materials

For the teacher: pictures of favorite story characters

Activity

A. Pre-Activity Preparation

1. Look over students' favorite stories.
2. Choose a character from each story.
3. Prepare drawings or reproductions of the characters.

B. Pre-Activity Discussion

Tell students that something strange has happened: several characters have escaped from their favorite stories.

C. Guess the Character

1. Pretend to be one of the students' favorite characters, and ask students to guess which character you have selected.
2. Give students clues about you as the character: where you live, who is around you, what you look like, and what has been happening to you.
3. Have the students raise their hands if they know who you are. Call on students to guess.
4. When the students guess correctly, or if they need extra help, tape the picture of the character onto the board.
5. Ask the students to name the title of the book. If they have difficulty, give them a choice of several titles and have them pick the correct answer.
6. Let the student who guessed correctly take down the character and give it to you to put back in the story.

D. Close the Activity

Review the titles of the stories and what makes them the students' favorites: characters, themes, settings, plot, language, illustrations.

EXTENDING THE ACTIVITY



Have students convince the class to read their favorite books by presenting complete, coherent sentences regarding their favorite parts of the books.

INCORPORATING TECHNOLOGY




For a visually based test in matching favorite stories and their characters, have students play a matching game available on a Web site for children, such as Nickelodeon Junior (www.nickjr.com).


Standards Link
K.2.1


Questions for Review


Basic Concepts and Processes


Ask students the following questions to assess their understanding of the activity:

 Which story did you like best this week?

 Why did you like it?

 What character did you like the most?

 Why did you choose that character?

 When you hear the beginning of a story, how do you know you will like it?
