



Teacher Feature



MODEL

Characters in media can model skills and behaviors for children to practice.

Before watching the clip from *Dinosaur Train, A New Leaf: Part 1*, I asked my students to watch and see how Buddy and his friends sort the leaves they find. My students pretended to be leaves falling from the trees!



EXPLORE

Media can be used to investigate and research a topic, concept or idea more deeply.

After we co-viewed the clip, they took on the task of sorting the leaves they found earlier on our nature walk. The students observed the leaves and looked for different characteristics. They decided to sort the leaves based on the different colors they saw.



DOCUMENT

Digital tools can be used to capture and document learning experiences as they are happening.

After watching the media a second time, they observed the leaves again. They decided to sort the leaves based on the different sizes they saw. They sorted them by large and small leaves. Then, they sorted them by the type of leaves, coniferous and deciduous.

The Lesson

Colorful Leaves: Part 1

Objective:

We talked about how we can sort leaves found in nature based on their different characteristics.

About the Teacher

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