

Backpacking Into Mountains of Learning!



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PROGRAM OVERVIEW

is a program that equips parents with materials that will facilitate their involvement in their child's hands-on learning. The backpacks are filled with many activities that fit different modes of learning. The backpacks enable parents to read with their children, learn with their children, and encourage their children. It encompasses a wide variety of skills that children can develop by targeting their interests in an exciting and fun way. Different skills are covered depending on the backpack. The backpacks are theme or literature oriented, and the activities can be accomplished independently or with a care giver (such as parents, older siblings, babysitters, or grandparents). Some backpacks include items they get to keep. The students are 1st grade students, but this can be adapted to Grades K-8. The backpacks are given out in ABC order, and a child usually receives 4 to 6 in a month's time. Also, this concept can be implemented with student's who have a hard time returning items. You can allow them to have the backpack during the day at school. And it can be accomplished as an enrichment activity, during Recess, centers, or D.E.A.R. (Drop Everything and Read) time.



SUNSHINE STATE STANDARDS

These, of course, will change depending on your backpack theme.

LAA1.1.1; 1.1.4, 2.1.1, 2.1.2, LAC1.1.2, 1.1.4, MAA3.1.1; 3.1.2, 3.1.3, MAB1.1.1, SCF1.1.2; 1.1.3

Arthur



Directions:

Read the story Arthur's Tooth. Then, they need to complete the "Arthur's Tooth" folder. Also, they are to write a Friendly letter to the author Marc Brown in the Dear, Marc Brown folder. On the back of their letter they may use the little book "Let's Draw Arthur" and draw an Arthur. They may watch the video "Arthur's First Sleepover." Inside the Arthur toy is a puzzle that your child may do, but please make sure they sit at a table so the pieces don't get lost.

Contents of the Backpack include:

- a stuffed "Arthur" with 12 puzzle pieces inside
- 3 books

Arthur's Tooth

Arthur Tricks the Tooth Fairy

"Let's Draw Arthur"

- 2 Homework folders
 - Arthur's Tooth
 - Dear Marc Brown,
- 1 Pencil



