Lesson: Goldilocks and the Three Bears Puppet Show

Length: 10-15 min.

Age or Grade Intended: Kindergarten-1st Grade

Academic Standards: Indiana’s Academic Standards for Theatre

Creative Process
K.6.1 Dramatize stories by pretending.
K.6.3 Explore use of sound effects and the voice to express character, feelings, and mood.

Integrated Studies
K.11.1 Use a dramatization to understand a concept from another discipline.

Performance Objective:
Students will show an understanding of the story, “Goldilocks and the Three Bears” by acting out a part from the story, sticking to the general dialogue of the story.

Advanced Preparation by Teacher:
The teacher will need to obtain a copy or book of “Goldilocks and the Three Bears” and review the story ahead of time. They will also need to create or buy puppets for the characters in the story.

Procedure:

Introduction/Motivation:
Tell the class that today you will be reading “Goldilocks and the Three Bears” and they will play the parts with puppets to see how well they remember the story.

Step-by-Step Plan:
1. Introduce the lesson
2. Read “Goldilocks and the Three Bears”
3. Break the class up into teams of 4, or less if necessary.
4. Have them decide who will play which character.
5. They will try to perform the story from memory, but if they are struggling the teacher can read the story as they act the parts

Closure:
To close the lesson you could bring the class back as a whole and read the story one last time.

Adaptations/Enrichment:
This activity can be varied to meet the needs of each individual. If it makes some students uncomfortable to perform the part in front of the entire class you could have...
enough puppets so that each group had them and could just do the play as a group activity. Also, you could add on to the story and make it unique to the class, maybe give someone a new part to play.

**Evaluation/Reflection:**

The lesson went pretty good. I think that I should have had more defined boundaries of the playing area, because students didn’t know whether to play out their character with their body or the puppet. It also ended up lasting about 20 minutes to get through the entire activity.