



*The Lonely
Scarecrow
Activity Day*



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- Objective:*
1. To increase the children's reading comprehension
 2. To complete a story map
 3. To increase the student's vocabulary
 4. To learn how to orient and engage the reader
 5. To learn that a complete story has a beginning, middle, and end.

- Materials:*
1. The Lonely Scarecrow
 2. Book Report
 3. Character Mobile

Methods: First, the teacher will introduce the story. The students will be asked to predict what the story is about. The teacher will then read the story. Be sure to stop after reading the very first part of the story. Ask the children if they are interested in reading the story any further. Explain that the goal of an author is to orient or engage the reader. Explain how this story accomplishes that goal. Finish reading the story. Be sure to pause and ask the children questions at various points in the story. Have the children make predictions as well. Be sure to discuss that all good works of fiction and non-fiction have three important parts: a beginning, middle, and end. Complete the book report as well as the character worksheet. Once these two activities are completed, have the children break into groups to complete several of the following activities.

Individual Activity List:

1. *The Lonely Scarecrow's Reading Comprehension Check:* Re-read the story. Then, complete a comprehension check page in which the children tell what happened in the story. They may choose between the page that lists the beginning, middle, and ending events or the other page that asks for a basic summary.
2. *Scary Spelling Activities:* The children may choose between completing the shop and spell, picture spelling, ABC order spelling, or secret code spelling activity. They must complete at least two of

these activities. The words used on these pages are found in the story.

3. Lonely Scarecrow Sentence Identification: Cut out the sentences. Divide the sentences into one of the four sentence types. It is a command, exclamation, statement, or command. Then paste the sentences onto a piece of paper underneath its sentence type.
4. Scarecrow Shindig: Based upon the word in the picture, color the scarecrow according to the words rhyming.
5. Scarecrow Season: Color the scarecrow based upon the season identified.
6. Scarecrow Joe: Color Scarecrow Joe and then cut him out. Then carefully put him together making sure to hinge him.
7. The Lonely Scarecrow Mobile: Color all of the parts to the mobile. (squirrel, leaves, nuts, scarecrows, etc.)
8. Scarecrow Girl and Boy: Have each child color the scarecrow and then put it together. This will help the children with reading comprehension and following directions.
9. Scarecrow Puzzles: Color the scarecrow pictures carefully. Cut it into pieces. Then see if you can put it back together.
10. A Study in Adjectives: Have the children describe the scarecrow using as many descriptive words as possible.
11. Scarecrow Recall: Have the children complete the recalling events worksheet. The children need to illustrate what happens in the beginning, middle, and end of the story.
12. Small Scarecrow: Color and put together the small scarecrow. Be sure to hinge it together.
13. Pumpkin Sequencing: Put in the correct order the sequence in which a pumpkin will grow. Be sure to color each step in the picture.

14. The Lonely Scarecrow Question and Answer Session: Answer the question page regarding the story. Be sure to use complete sentences.

15. The Lonely Scarecrow Cut and Paste Comprehension: Have the children read events from the story. They must then cut them out and paste them onto another piece of paper in the correct order.

16. Haystacks: Melt some butterscotch chips. Mix with peanuts and chow mein noodles. Spoon onto wax paper and allow to cool. Have fun and eat.

17. Scarecrow Rubbings: Notice that the book is textured. Have the children choose three objects with texture (for example: cloth, leaves, grass, yarn, paper, etc) and do pencil rubbings on each. Then have them verbally explain how texture adds to this story.