Word Work Lesson Plan and Activities

Instructional Focus Based on the Words in the Book

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Train to Somewhere
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Grade Level: 4 / Guided Reading Level: Q

Instructional Focus:
R- Controlled Vowels

Background:
When the letter r follows a vowel, the r changes the sound of the vowel..

Examples:

adorn	certain
barn	chorus
barter	corn
carpet	farm

Materials and Preparation:

- A Copy of *Train to Some*
- Chart Paper
- R- Controlled Vowels Pr
- R-Controlled Vowel Rhy
- R-Controlled Vowel Wo
- Optional - Word Detect

Step by Step Lesson Plan

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Step 1:
Introduce the Focus of Word Work

Sample Anchor Chart

R- Controlled Vowels	
adorn	certain
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car, arm, germ, fern, bird, torch, burn, fur, lamp, warn

Introduce R- Controlled Vowels

- Explain that each vowel has a short sound, a long sound, review the sounds of both. Introduce children to the idea that vowels also change their sound when the letter r follows them.
- Ask children to look at the chart paper and write the letter a at the top of the paper. Below it, write the word cat. Say the word with the class, emphasizing the short a sound. Then write the word car. Say the word with the class, emphasizing the r-controlled vowel a sound.
- Then write the word hen. Say the word with the class, emphasizing the short e sound. Then write the word her. Say the word with the class, emphasizing the r-controlled vowel e sound.
- Continue writing and saying words for the other vowels, emphasizing the short vowel sound. Emphasize how it changes when r follows it in each word. Use these words: fit, fir, cot, corn, fun, fur.
- Review with children how the r after a vowel changes the sound of the vowel.

Step 2:
Connect Word Work to Reading

R- Controlled Vowels in the Text

- Tell the students that the book they will be reading today has many words that have r-controlled vowels.
- Show them **page 1** of ***Train to Somewhere***. Ask students to listen carefully and look at the words while you read. If they hear an r-controlled vowel, they should raise their hand.
- After reading page 1, ask the students to identify any words with r-controlled vowel.
- Tell the students that you are going to read the book once from beginning to end. Tell them to be listening for words that have an r-controlled vowel sound. Remind them to be polite and not to interrupt you while you read.
- Read ***Train To Somewhere***.

Examples of R- Controlled Vowels Found in the Text:

- work
- hard
- other
- are
- carry
- other
- platform
- horses
- sort
- farm
- farther
- neither
- basking
- harvest
- papers
- fur
- girl
- sisters
- after
- corner
- fingers
- better
- there
- working
- factory
- feather
- hair
- hardware
- whisper
- farms
- store
- water
- forever
- other
- smaller
- either
- story
- newspaper
- better
- darkness
- glover
- for
- [illegible]
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