



Sun Kisses, Moon Hugs XO Lesson

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(PRE-SCHOOL – 2ND GRADE)

MATERIALS: Sun Kisses, Moon Hugs book, XO Template, crayons or colored pencils, 9”x12” construction paper (or 8.5x11 cardstock), glue

OBJECTIVE: Students will listen to the picture book Sun Kisses, Moon Hugs and then complete an art/writing activity to demonstrate letter recognition and reading comprehension.



1. Briefly review any relevant material class has been studying (family, letters, etc).
2. Anticipatory Set (3-5 minutes): Introduce the book. Talk about how sometimes we miss people we love, but the book shows us ways we can always feel connected even when we are not together. Let children know that there are Xs, Os and hearts hidden in the illustrations. (You can have them make an X and an O with their hands to show that they know the letters). Question: What do the letters X and O mean in this book?
3. Objective: Students will use cues from the book to write their own sentence about love for a parent, then decorate a letter X and/or O, cut it out and glue it onto paper with their note.
4. Instruction/Input and Modeling/Presenting New Information
 - a. Read book aloud (and afterward point out some of the hidden Xs, Os, hearts)
 - b. Model the activity for students: They can choose an X or O from the template (or do both), paper, then write their sentence on the yellow paper (optional – have students write on sentence strips).
 - c. Ask students what they might write on their card and to think about the person to whom they want to give it. Take 7-8 suggestions and write some sample sentences on board. (eg: “I love you, Grandma” or “Here are hugs and kisses for you” etc)
5. Check for understanding: Ask a student to repeat the instruction steps. Write them on board and repeat.
6. Guided practice: Students apply the lesson and create their X or O cards.
7. Independent Practice: Students can take home the other letter and create another card if they would like.

VARIATIONS: Use white paper plates instead of yellow paper for the background– allow students to put their decorated O on the bottom side and the X on the front, and then color sun rays. Punch a hole at top and attach ribbon or yarn for a two-sided mobile.

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Lesson Photos and Samples:



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Kisses and Hugs

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Instructions: Choose the X or the O, decorate it and then write
a note to someone you love.

