



Embedding Literacy in Activities



Objectives

- Review strategies for incorporating literacy across the curriculum.
- Explore activities that effectively implement literacy concepts.



Four Components of Literacy



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Explicit vs. Embedded Instruction

Explicit

- Direct teaching of content
- Academic intervention

Embedded

- Incorporates content knowledge and skill development into existing activities
- Academic enrichment



How to Embed Literacy



Existing Activity	
Student Literacy Need	
Student Voice	
How to Embed	



How to Embed Literacy: Example



Science Challenges	
Student Literacy Need	Write in complete sentences.
Student Voice	Students wanted to engage in experiments.
How to Embed	Students can use complete sentences to write post-challenge reflections in their learning journals. Students can reflect on what worked well, what didn't work well, and what they would change in the future. Instructors provide feedback on sentence structure.

Arts



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- “Read” and study works of art.
- Write to plan.
- Develop vocabulary.
- Communicate feelings and emotions.

Read the Song

Activity



- Listen to an elementary-age-appropriate song.
- Write a brief description of
 - Any images that come to mind.
 - How the music makes you feel.
 - The lines or sounds that stick out to you.
- Next, continue your writing by extending the story of the song, starting a short story based on the song, or writing a new poem.

Mathematics



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- Make connections to real life.
- Use math in context.
- Develop projects that rely on math.
- Use student journals to work through problems and reflect.

How Did You Use Math Yesterday?



Activity

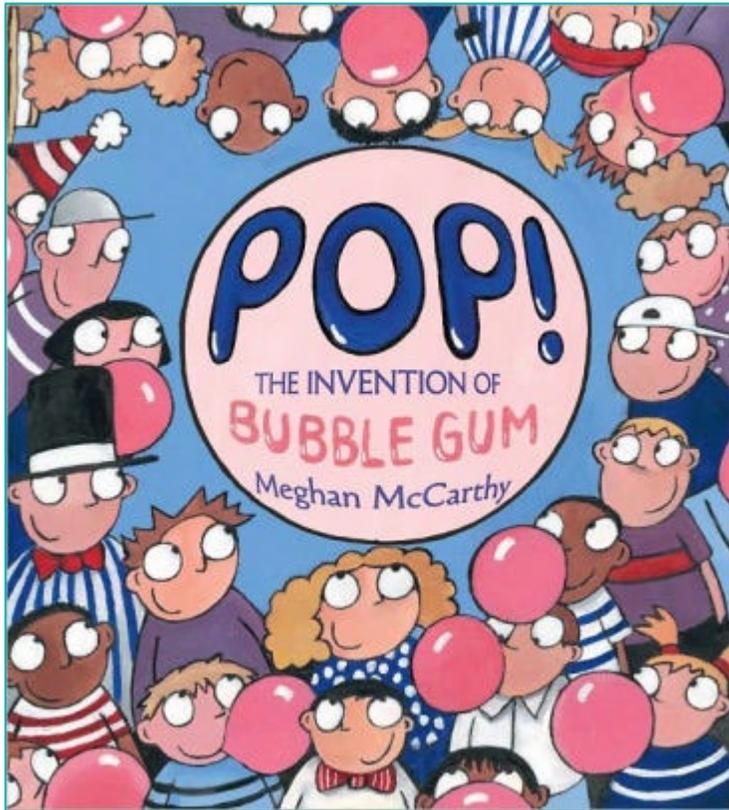
- Designate a recorder.
- In small groups, brainstorm and share all the ways you used math yesterday. Take turns sharing around the group for 5 minutes.
- Jot down all ideas on chart paper.
- Spend 5 minutes writing a short journal entry with a narrative explaining how you used math throughout your day.

Science



- Initiate with a short story or children's book.
- Allow for student collaboration.
- Have students use journals to capture the scientific method.
- Use graphic organizers.

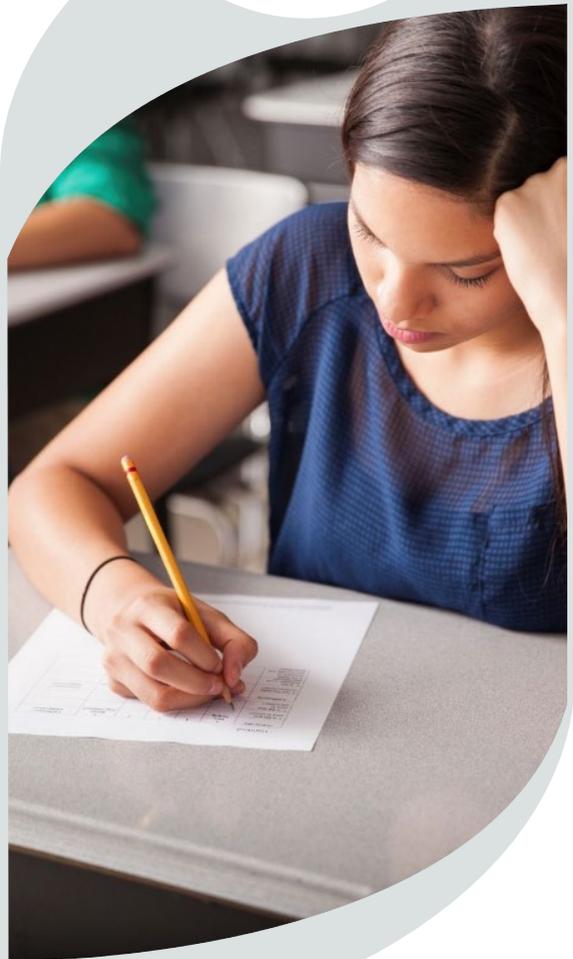
Science Activity



- Vocabulary
- Reading Comprehension
- Examining Artwork
- Scientific Concepts
- Experimentation



Other Enrichment Activities



- Use word walls and other strategies to build vocabulary.
- Develop personal connections.
- Focus on processes and student interactions.



Practice Embedding Literacy



Existing Activity	
Student Literacy Need	
Student Voice	
How to Embed	

Additional Tips and Strategies



- Provide more opportunities for reading.
- Assign writing projects that have a purpose.
- Use project-based and service learning approaches.
- Look for other ways to incorporate literacy into your program schedule.
- Make things fun!

Next Steps



How can you expand literacy instruction in your current activities?

