

Activity 5

Panda Class Story

Objective & Overview:

Through an ongoing string of quickly created sentences, your students will create an original story based on a giant panda.

Teacher Background Information:

You can keep your students on their toes with this activity, which is best done after discussing or viewing the giant pandas at the National Zoo.

Materials:

- blackboard or large ledger with paper
- chalk or marker

Directions:

1. Discuss giant pandas, their forest homes, and daily activities (rest, exploration, feeding, encountering other pandas and wildlife, etc.).
2. Tell them that they will be creating a story together and that the story should focus on the activities of a giant panda. From there, they can get creative.
3. Write down the starting sentence on the chalkboard or paper ledger.

4. Go around the classroom, asking each student to contribute a sentence. Write each sentence on the board just after the student finishes creating the sentence.

Once all have contributed a sentence, read the story aloud.