Implementing the Common Core through developmentally appropriate strategies using movement.

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The Important Book

by Margaret Wise Brown
Day 1

Read aloud *The Important Book* for enjoyment.

Discuss the reasons that were given for why the things in the book are important.
Introduce Tier 2 vocabulary through kinesthetic activity!

“ticklish”   “shiny”   “tender”

“splashes”   “crystals”   “hollow”
Establishing our “bubbles” and boundaries for movement!
Creating movements for our new vocabulary!
Reading aloud with movements

Children act out Tier 2 words during the read aloud...
Children examine objects with characteristics that promote use of Tier 2 vocabulary words. Much discussions and description follows!
Day 3

Revisit *The Important Book* in partnerships. Notice the author’s word choices and choose favorite lines.
Choosing our favorite lines and writing them to share with others.
Day 4

Composing our own class Important Book.

- Examine an everyday object
- Describe the qualities of the object
- Construct reasons why the object is “important”
- Begin writing phrases and sentences about the object in the style of Margaret Wise Brown’s The Important Book.
Writing Samples

The important thing about

a book

all back is that you can
by a strong ryte.
It can teach us
more. It have lots of
word and pictures.

The important thing about

a magnifier is that you can see threw
it. It is clear. It makes things hiper.
If you look close at the bottom it has a
small hole at the bottom they
can come in different colors and all
under saps.
The important thing about a gule stick is you yous to make a craft you yaws it to gule things back together.

Emmelyn.

The important thing about you can eat with it the ends are soap it is white it has strips on it but the important thing a that you eat about is with it.

Natalie
Savannah

The important thing about

It gets out
tags it is
Smol. It can fit
in Smol Plasis.
but the important
thing about a brush

Paint Set

The important thing about

is that you can put with
it and it has quite
Kuthrs. But the important
thing about a Paint Set
is that you can put with...
Celebrate!

Read and enjoy our own class Important Book filled with rich, descriptive vocabulary and wonderful illustrations!