

Writing Trait: Ideas

Learning Intention:

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Before Reading

Explain to children that this book is based on a real story. Ask them to turn and talk to a partner to predict what this book might be about. Explain that predictions are never wrong as long as they make sense. Predictions for this book should be based on the cover illustration and title.

During Reading

Pause during reading and encourage students to think about a playground they would love to have in their neighborhood or at their school.

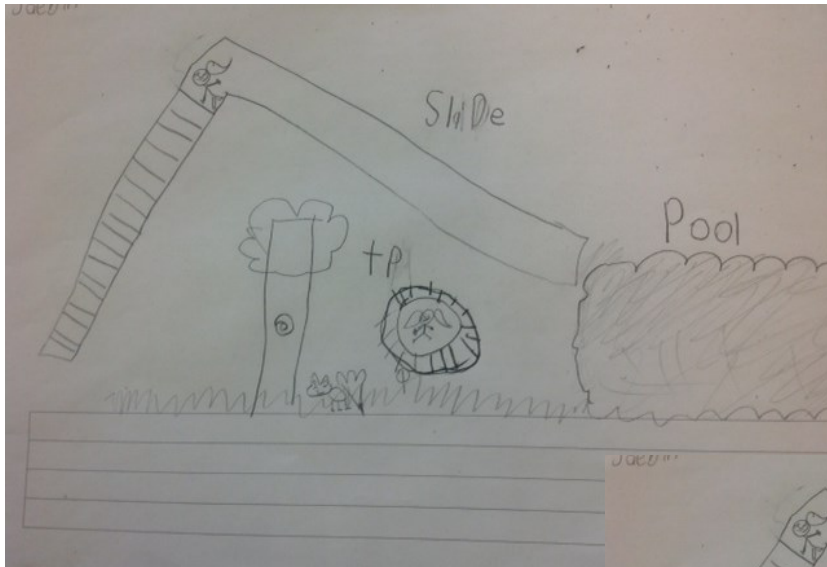
After Reading

Have students draw and label their idea of a perfect playground. Three dimensional renditions are highly motivational for students so please consider using a variety of materials such as plasticene, toothpicks, straws, nuts, bolts and screws! To increase the size of playground renditions, encourage children to use materials from centres such as blocks, cubes, and any other building materials. Add some boxes, blankets and long branches too!

See photos on following pages...







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