**Lesson Title**

KDT First Grade, “Is It a Dinosaur?”

**Duration**

One half hour

**Lesson Description**

Students will be given close-up drawings (partial) of prehistoric creatures. Children will identify which creatures are in fact dinosaurs and why.

**Major Understanding**

Dinosaurs are land reptiles. They do not swim or fly.

**Essential Questions**

What is a dinosaur?

**Skills**

Sorting, Classifying

**Vocabulary**

Plesioursas, pterodactyls, reptile, mammal, habitat

**Procedure**

1. In whole group teach children that many animals lived long ago, but not all of them were dinosaurs. Dinosaurs are land reptiles. They did not live in water and they did not fly. Briefly define reptiles
2. In groups of two, pass out the sheet, “Is it a Dinosaur”. Have children cut out each picture (8 in total)
3. Ask children to sort the drawings into twp groups. “Dinosaur” and “Not a Dinosaur” on sorting page.

If you want to extend this activity children can

1. Color the pictures
2. Write the creatures names
3. Complete the animal drawing
4. List reasons why the creature is or is not a dinosaur

Correct answers

1. plesiosaur
2. apatosaur (formerly known as brontosaurus
3. tyrannosaur
4. stegosaur
5. saber-toothed tiger
6. wooley mammoth
7. triceratops
8. pterodactyl

**Assessment**

Administer attached assessment sheet

Observe children’s placement of each picture.

Teacher evaluates children’s verbal or written reasoning

Ability to work with a partner

Successful project will have evidence of all students work

**Technology Integration**

http://www.enchantedlearning.com/subjects/dinosaurs/

http://www.readinga-z.com/ <http://www.fieldmuseum.org/plan_visit/default.htm>

http://www.pebblego.com/pgoAnimals/PebbleGo2.aspx?cid=11108&sid=1

**Culturally Affirming**

People, like creatures, live in different places. They share certain characteristics and not others.

**Special Needs**

For children needing extra support, teacher can tell children that there are four dinosaurs and four non-dinosaurs. Children may also need reminders of what defines a dinosaur.

**Resources and Supporting Websites**

http://www.kidsdinos.com/

**Supporting Materials**

Bins of simple books about dinosaurs