Numeracy Activity

Activity: "Ordinal Numbers Race" (3-4 years)

Learning Objectives:

- Children will understand and use the terms first, second, and third in real-life context.
- Children will be able to identify their own position in a race with at least 70% accuracy.
- Children will demonstrate ordinal understanding by responding correctly to teacher questions after the race.

Materials Required

- Open ground/play area (or classroom space cleared for a short running lane).
- Start and finish line (use chalk, tape, or cones).
- Small medals, ribbons, or cards with "1st", "2nd", "3rd" written/drawn.

Steps / Procedure

- 1. Introduction (3 min)
 - Tell children: "Today, we will run a race! After the race, we will see who is first, who is second, and who is third."
 - o Demonstrate with toys first: line up 3 toys, move them forward, and say:
 - "This toy came **first**."
 - "This toy came **second**."
 - "This toy came **third**."

2. Main Activity (10 min)

- **Step 1:** Call 3 children at a time to the starting line.
- **Step 2:** Say "Ready, steady, go!" and let them run to the finish line.
- Step 3: Announce results:
 - "Riya is first."
 - "Amit is second."
 - "Sana is third."
- Show cards or ribbons (1st, 2nd, 3rd) to reinforce.
- Repeat with different groups so everyone gets a turn.

3. Wrap-up (3–5 min)

- Ask the group questions:
 - "Who was first in the race?"
 - "Who was second?"
 - "Who was third?"
- Encourage children to answer using ordinal words.

Teacher's Obsevation:

During/after the race, observe if children can:

- Correctly say their position ("I was second").
- Answer questions like "Who was first?" with accuracy.
- Use ordinal terms in play situations without prompting.
- Create a **worksheet** with 3 pictures in a row (cars, animals, or children) and ask children to color the first, second, or third.

Story Activity: "Bunny's Busy Day" – Learning the Hour (4-5 years)

Learning Objectives:

By the end of the activity, children will be able to:

- 1. Recognize the **hour hand** on the clock.
- 2. Tell at least 3 o'clock correctly.
- 3. Connect daily routine events to hours of the day.

Activity Steps:

The teacher narrates with a big toy clock (or paper clock), moving the hour hand as the story goes.

1. Introduction

 "Children, today we will listen to the story of Bunny's Busy Day. Bunny does different things at different times. Let's help him tell the time!"

2. Story

- "One morning, Bunny woke up. The clock's small hand was at 7. That means it was 7 o'clock. Bunny rubbed his eyes and got ready." (Show 7 o'clock on the clock)
- "At **9 o'clock**, Bunny went to school with his bag." (Move the hand to 9)
- "At **1 o'clock**, Bunny ate his lunch carrots and salad!" (Show 1 o'clock)
- "At **4 o'clock**, Bunny went out to play with his friends." (Show 4 o'clock)
- "At 8 o'clock, the clock's small hand pointed to 8. Bunny felt sleepy. It was bedtime. Goodnight Bunny!" (Show 8 o'clock)

3. Interactive Part

Ask children:

- "When did Bunny wake up?" (Expected: 7 o'clock)
- "What time did Bunny eat lunch?" (Expected: 1 o'clock)
- "What time did Bunny play?" (Expected: 4 o'clock)
- "What time did Bunny sleep?" (Expected: 8 o'clock)

Teacher's Observation:

- Check if children can:
 - Set their clocks correctly to 3 different hours from the story.
 - Recall story events with the correct time.
 - Use the phrase "__ o'clock" when answering.
- Next day, ask: "What did YOU do at 7 o'clock today?" (linking story to their real life).

Numeracy Activity: "Let's Help the Picnic Basket" (5-6 years)

Learning Objectives:

By the end of the activity, children will be able to:

- 1. Understand addition as "putting together" two groups of objects.
- 2. Solve simple addition sums up to 10 (without carry) using concrete objects.
- 3. Verbally express addition sentences (e.g., "3 apples + 2 apples = 5 apples").

Materials Required

- Toy fruits/vegetables or counters (apples, bananas, grapes, etc.).
- A small basket or box (to make it fun as a picnic basket).
- Number cards (1–10).
- Whiteboard with simple "+" and "=" signs.

Activity Steps

1. Introduction (5 min)

- Show 2 apples and put them in the basket. Say:
 - "I put **2 apples** in the basket. Now I add **1 more apple**. Let's count together... 1, 2, 3! That makes **3 apples**."
- Write on board: 2 + 1 = 3.
- o Explain: "This is called addition putting together."

2. Main Activity (10-12 min)

o Game 1: Picnic Addition

- Place **3 bananas** in the basket.
- Ask: "If I add 2 more bananas, how many do we have now?"
- Children count together and answer.
- Teacher writes: 3 + 2 = 5.

Game 2: Child Participation

- Give each child (or group) some fruits/counters.
- Say: "Show me 4 apples. Now add 3 more. How many do you have?"
- Children count and say aloud.
- Let one child come up and write the sum on board with help.

Game 3: Addition Story

- Tell a short story: "Riya had **2 chocolates**. Her friend gave her **3 more**. How many chocolates does she have now?"
- Children use counters to solve problems.

3. Wrap-up (3-5 min)

- Recap: "Addition means putting together. 2 + 3 = 5, 4 + 1 = 5."
- Let children clap and chant: "1 plus 1 = 2, 2 plus 2 = 4, Addition is fun, let's learn more!"

Teacher's Observation

- Observe if children can:
 - Correctly count total objects after joining two groups.
 - Solve at least 3 addition problems within 10 using objects.
 - Express addition sentences verbally or by pointing to numbers.
- Use worksheet later with pictures of different objects (e.g., 3 bees + 2 bees= ____)