

# Montessori Lesson Plans Based on Celeste and Vivaldi's Story

## Lesson Plan 1: Music and Emotion

**Estimated Time:** 1 hour\

**Objective:** Students will explore the relationship between music and emotions, understanding how musical elements can influence feelings and behaviors.

### Materials Needed:

- Various pieces of music (happy, sad, energetic, calming)
- Paper and colored pencils or markers

### Preparation:

1. **Create a Listening Space:** Arrange a comfortable area where students can sit in a circle. Ensure that the space is quiet and free from distractions.
2. **Prepare Music Selections:** Curate a playlist of different music genres and emotional tones. Ensure each piece aligns with the emotions you want to explore.

### Activity Steps:

1. **Introduction (10 minutes):** Explain the objective of the lesson and discuss how music can influence our emotions. Ask students to share their thoughts on how different music makes them feel.
2. **Listening Activity (20 minutes):**
  - Play segments of various pieces of music, allowing students to listen attentively.
  - After each piece, prompt a discussion on how it made them feel. Ask them to describe emotions in words and to draw corresponding images representing those feelings.
3. **Creative Expression (20 minutes):**
  - Have students choose one piece of music that resonated with them.
  - Instruct them to create a drawing that represents the emotions they felt while listening. Encourage them to use colors and shapes that reflect their feelings.
4. **Sharing (10 minutes):**
  - Allow students to share their drawings and discuss why they chose the particular music and how it made them feel.

## Lesson Plan 2: Movement and Play

**Estimated Time:** 1 hour\

**Objective:** Students will engage in physical play that incorporates elements of teamwork, coordination, and social interaction.

### Materials Needed:

- Swing set or playground equipment (if available)
- A simple toy train (can be a model or drawn)
- Space outdoors or in a hall.

### Preparation:

1. **Organize Play Area:** Set up the outdoor or gym area with designated play zones for swings and any other equipment. Ensure safety measures are in place.
2. **Train Setup:** If using a toy train, create a simple track with chalk or place a model train on a table to represent the theme of the lesson.

### Activity Steps:

1. **Introduction (10 minutes):** Discuss the importance of play in developing social and physical skills. Explain how the activity will relate to the story of Celeste and Vivaldi.
2. **Group Play (40 minutes):**
  - Divide students into small groups.
  - Assign each group a play activity: swings, roundabouts, or a creative game simulating a train journey.
  - Encourage students to work together, taking turns and helping each other.
3. **Reflection (10 minutes):**
  - Gather students to discuss their experiences. Ask how they felt working in teams and what they learned about collaboration.

## Lesson Plan 3: Storytelling and Problem Solving

**Estimated Time:** 1 hour\

**Objective:** Students will enhance their storytelling abilities and problem-solving skills through collaborative storytelling based on the given narrative.

### Materials Needed:

- A whiteboard and markers
- Props related to the story (toy train, flute, baby doll, etc.)
- Paper and writing materials

## **Preparation:**

1. **Create a Storytelling Area:** Set up a comfortable space where students can sit in a circle and share stories. Ensure props are accessible.
2. **Prepare Writing Materials:** Provide paper and writing tools for students to jot down their ideas.

## **Activity Steps:**

1. **Introduction (10 minutes):** Introduce the story of Celeste and Vivaldi. Discuss the main characters and events, highlighting Madeline's crying and how Vivaldi helped.
2. **Collaborative Storytelling (30 minutes):**
  - Divide students into groups and assign each group a part of the story to expand upon or to create an alternative ending.
  - Groups should incorporate elements of problem-solving as they consider how to soothe Madeline in different ways.
3. **Presentation (15 minutes):**
  - Each group presents their version of the story to the class. Encourage them to use props during their presentation.
  - Discuss as a class what solutions worked best for calming Madeline and how music played a role.
4. **Reflection (5 minutes):**
  - Facilitate a discussion about the importance of creativity, teamwork, and problem-solving in storytelling.

These lesson plans are designed to promote independence, creativity, and collaboration among students while providing engaging activities connected to the whimsical story of Celeste and Vivaldi.