Life Before Kindergarten

Grade Level: Kindergarten  
Length of Lesson: 30 minutes

Materials:  
4 Puppets (*home, daycare, preschool, babysitter*  
Student activity sheet: *Things I learned before Kindergarten at ____________  
Crayons/markers

Lesson Preparation

Essential Questions:  
How is school behavior different from behavior at home, daycare, or preschool? What do students do when they don’t understand what to do at school?

Engagement (Hook):  
Counselor will dialogue with puppets about puppets’ previous learning experiences.

Procedures

**Instructor Procedures/Instructional Strategies:**  
1. The counselor will bring students together and sit in a circle. Counselor will introduce the home puppet, babysitter puppet, daycare puppet, and preschool puppet and interview them about their previous experiences. Four students are selected to be puppeteers. The counselor will point to the puppet to indicate when they are to talk. Where did you go to preschool/daycare? What kind of things did you do when you stayed at home all day? What kinds of things did you do at preschool/daycare? Did you have certain rules? What did you learn?

2. Counselor will ask students to respond to the following:
   a. Stand up if you went to preschool. Then instruct students to sit down.
   b. Stand up if you went to daycare. Then instruct students to sit down.
   c. Stand up if you stayed at home with a parent. Then instruct students to sit down.
   d. Stand up if you went to a babysitter. Then instruct students to sit down.

3. Counselor will have students go back to their desks/tables. Counselor will pass out the student “The things I learned before Kindergarten at ____________.” Activity Sheet.

   Students will draw a picture of two things they did or two expectations in their previous learning situation (home, preschool).

**Student Involvement/Instructional Activities:**  
1. Four students will participate as puppeteers.

2. Students stand up based on their previous learning experiences. After each request students will sit down.

3. Students will draw pictures of two things they did or two expectations during their previous learning situation.

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The things I learned before Kindergarten at ______________________.