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TESTING ACTIVITY REPORT

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Organizer: VšĮ Eko mintis, Lithuanian Language and Culture Center, Lt2 Consulting AB

Date: 30/01/2023

Lecturer: Reda Nemčiūnaitė (English language teacher)

Place: Vilnius, Lithuania

Number of participants: 20 students

Date: 30/03/2022

Subject: English language lesson

Reference to lesson plan: Writing a Poem in the Nature

Procedure:

The students (teenagers of 15-17 years old) were divided into 5 groups of 4 students according to the colour of the paper they have chosen.

When being outside each group found a tree in the school premises. Plenty of time was given to look at the chosen tree, to touch it and to write/brainstorm the words about that tree. The words/phrases should be written on a piece of colourful paper.

Later students in each group showed the words written to the group members and compared them together.





Eventually the process of creating a poem about the tree started. Everybody was engaged in the activity seriously. The weather was perfect even if it was winter time. The sun was shining, the frost was biting our cheeks but everybody was in a good mood and relaxed.







Finally, each group came up with a poem written on a piece of paper. Some of the students even wanted to rewrite their draft version later.

Results:

While reflecting on the lesson they said that it was an unconventional lesson when they everybody felt light-hearted and enjoyed the activity outside.

As a teacher I felt at first strange, but comfortable and prepared thanks to the material provided. The final results – poems – were surprisingly creative.



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Silver to Gold

A skinny tree stands all alone,
Ferced to suffer an endless cold.
A lone sapling with limitless potential,
Speechless, yet vastly influential.

Watching it survive the bleak winter,
Fills me with melanchely.
Touching the tree leaves me with a splinter,
Yet this pain is so hely.

With branches stretching skyward, A new spring beckens to the tree. Its buds begin to blossom, In a white and golden sea.

Recommendations:

- some extra preparation before the lesson about the importance of ecosystems and environmental protection.
- groups should be dvided to smaller ones
- a very good tip is to use starters!
- Proper clothes and shoes are a must!

Report done by Reda Nemčiūnaitė