BluebeePals TALKING • EDUCATIONAL • LEARNING TOOL **Reading - Nonfiction key ideas**

Bluebee Pal: Enhancing Learning Through Innovative Technology

Lesson Title:
Identifying Key Ideas in Nonfiction

Lesson Topic:
Reading

Target Population:
Preschool and Primary Grades – Mainstream or Exceptional Education

Common Core Standards: Reading Informational Text: Integration of Knowledge and Ideas

Specific 21st century skills:
- Collaboration: Pairs of students will determine key ideas and supporting details in nonfiction.
- Communication: Students will share nonfiction facts with peers.

App Resources:
- Sea Horse: The Shyest Fish in the Sea- https://www.commonsensemedia.org/book-reviews/sea-horse-the-shyest-fish-in-the-sea
- Strange and Wonderful World of Ants- https://www.commonsensemedia.org/app-reviews/the-strange-wonderful-world-of-ants
- MarcoPolo Arctic - https://www.commonsensemedia.org/app-reviews/marcopolo-arctic
- Bees, Snails, and Peacock Tails- https://www.commonsensemedia.org/book-reviews/bees-snails-and-peacock-tails
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Vocabulary: Features of nonfiction: key idea and supporting details, illustration, caption, etc.

Lesson Instruction:

- **Introduction:** Connect to previous lessons addressing the components of nonfiction texts, including the vocabulary concepts listed above.

- **Teaching:**
  Bluebee the Teacher shares an app from the App Resources featuring nonfiction information while connected to computer and SmartBoard.
- After each page or section, the classroom teacher identifies key ideas and supporting details.
- Teacher records key ideas and supporting details using a voice recorder for Android tablet or iPad.
- Teacher and class listen to recorded information, told by Bluebee Pal, to determine if key ideas and details are included.

- **Student Engagement Activities/Learning Experiences:**
- Using tablets or iPad, small groups of students watch and listen to an app featuring nonfiction information.
- Together, they identify the key ideas and supporting details.
- After each section, students record the key ideas, using a voice recorder for Android tablet or iPad.
- Students listen to the Bluebee Pal "read" their recording to evaluate if all important information is included.

1. Sharing
- Each pair of students shares their Bluebee Pal nonfiction recording with the class.

1. **Assessment:**
   - Teacher observes for collaboration.
   - Teacher listens to evaluate inclusion of key ideas and supporting details.

Additional Notes/Resources/Background Information/Connections:
- This should not be the students' first experience with the Bluebee Pal.
  They should already be familiar with this educational device and its procedures.
- Evidence-Based Performance White Paper