Lesson Title Here Comes a Thought Medium Music **Curricular Unit** Calming Technique: Mindfulness Lesson # **Lesson Goals** Socio-emotional Impulse control: Demonstrate calming technique Artistic Know and demonstrate how arts can communicate experiences, stories or emotions through the production of works in the arts. **Academic** Confirm understanding of a text read aloud of information presented orally or through other media by asking and answering questions about key details and requesting clarification if something is not understood.

Lesson Details (45 minutes total)

Opening Routine

Time:

To help create routine and sooth anxiety, every class should begin with the same activity. Consider creating an opening routine that allows students to move, incorporates rhythm, and invites students to offer something (a dance move, a clapped rhythm, a silly sound) that is repeated back by either just one other person or by the whole group.

Warm Up

Time:

Combine with lesson intro

Lesson Intro

Time: 10 mins

Play clip of "Here Comes a Thought" from Steven Universe. Ask questions regarding the video. What do the butterflies represent? Has anyone felt like Connie in this video? How can our understanding of ourselves and the world around us inform how we interact with others?

Brain break

Time:

Choose a brain break in the moment. Brain break used will determine whether the energy of the room becomes energized, calmed, or focused.

Main Lesson

Time: 18 mins

- 1. Have the students stand in a circle and show them the tuning fork and explain what it is used for
- 2. Invite students to close their eyes if they are comfortable.
- 3. Tell the students to focus all their attention on the sound they are about to hear. As the tuning forks sounds, students should sway their bodies side to side, making the movement smaller as the sound diminishes. (This may be best demonstrated by the teacher or a volunteer first)
- 4. As the sound comes to an end, ask students to inhale and exhale deeply, moving their arms over their heads and back down before repeating a few times, perhaps using different force each time the tuning fork is sounded.
- 5. Repeat this process 2-3 times and then ask students if they can define mindfulness. Facilitate the conversation until everyone has a working understanding. Ask students how being mindful helps them to be successful in the tuning fork activity.
- 6. Repeat the tuning fork process a few more times before asking how the students practiced mindfulness during these rounds.

Cool down/Closing

Social/Emotional Skill

Time:

Similar to the opening routine, your closing should be the same activity each day as an expected way to signal the end of the class and transition to what comes next.

Materials

"Here Comes a Thought" - Steven Universe (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dHg50mdODFM) Tuning Fork Frame Drums

Lesson Rubric	Developing (1)	Adequate (2)	Excellence (3)

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Impulse control: Students were able to demonstrate Students were able to Students were able to independently calming technique with prompting Demonstrate calming demonstrate calming demonstrate calming techniques technique from teacher technique using strategies demonstrated by the teacher Artistic Skill Know and demonstrate Students were able to identify the Students were able to identify Students were able to identify the general emotion or meaning behind emotion or meaning behind the work how arts can the emotion or meaning the work of art -OR- students were behind the work of art -ORof art -OR- students were able to communicate experiences, stories or able to apply a general sense of students were able to apply apply an emotion or meaning behind emotions through the emotion or meaning behind their an emotion or meaning their artwork and explain how and why production of works in the artwork behind their artwork through the artwork conveys emotions/feelings description of context clues arts. Academic Skill Confirm understanding of Students were able to ask or Students were able to ask or Students were able to ask or answer a text read aloud of answer general questions with little answer questions with questions with significant and specific information presented to no key details. adequate and relevant detail detail from source. orally or through other from source. media by asking and answering questions about key details and requesting clarification if

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