

## Horton Hatches the Egg

Lesson Originally by

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### Need

*Horton Hatches the Egg* by Dr. Seuss

Blank Paper for Thank you Cards

Markers, crayons Etc.

Play dough

### Procedure

Read the book and talk about it.

- Divide the class into two groups for learning centers.
  - o At the first learning center, students will use play-dough to create a character model. (15 min)
    - Ask: Remember the animal that hatched out of Horton's egg? What was it?
    - Ask students to imagine if they were to combine two animals, such as a giraffe and a lion, what would the animal look like? Continue formulating ideas by giving examples of two animals crossed together.
    - Ask students to create their own animal using the play-dough.
  - o At the second learning center, students will write a thank you note from Mayzie to Horton. (15 min)
    - Discuss with the students being a true and faithful friend. Ask the students if they thought Horton was a responsible friend. What other characteristics make up a responsible friend?
    - Explain to the students that they will write a thank you note to Horton from Mayzie. The students will pretend they are Mayzie.