

## Let's Meet a Teacher | Lesson Plan

What do teachers do for our communities?

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Through the story of Dennis and his speech, students will understand the importance of courage and practice. They will also learn about the various ways teachers help students, including providing support, encouragement, and guidance to overcome fears.

### Learning Objectives:

- Identify the main characters and events in *Otto's Tales: Let's Meet a Teacher*.
- Recall the sequence of events in the story.
- Explain the role of a teacher and why Mrs. Kelly is important to Dennis in the story.
- Compare Dennis's feelings before and after his speech.
- Discuss how practice helped Dennis improve his speech.
- Create a drawing that shows a time when students were brave.

### Key Vocabulary:

- **Speech:** A verbal presentation of one's thoughts, opinions, or ideas to an audience.
- **Teacher:** Someone dedicated to educating others, often in school, helping them gain knowledge and skills.
- **Assignments:** Activities or projects that a teacher gives to students to help them understand and practice what they are learning.
- **Advice:** To give someone a recommendation about what to do or how to do something.
- **Talent:** Something you are naturally good at or can learn to do very well.
- **Learning:** The ongoing process of gaining knowledge, skills, and understanding through experience, study, or instruction.
- **Correcting:** To make something right after an error or mistake.
- **Conversation:** A casual exchange of ideas, thoughts, or feelings between people.

**Educational Standards:** CCRA.R.1, CCRA.SL.1, CCRA.SL.2, CCRA.L.6, CCRA.W.4, CCRA.R.7

### Academic Subject Areas:

### What You'll Need

- Video: *Otto's Tales: Let's Meet a Teacher* (Watch [Here](#))
- Book (optional): *Otto's Tales: Let's Meet a Teacher* (Purchase [Here](#))
- Coloring Page: *Otto's Tales: Let's Meet a Teacher* (Click [Here](#))

### Lesson Plan (45 mins.)

Warm-Up: (10 mins.)

1. Start by asking the students if they have ever felt scared or nervous about doing something new. Allow a few students to share their experiences.
2. Explain that today, they will watch a video about a boy named Dennis who is nervous about giving a speech and how his friends, family, and especially his teacher help him.

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3. Introduce the key vocabulary words and give examples.
4. Discuss briefly how a teacher's main job is to teach and help students.

Watch and Complete: (25 mins.)

1. Show the video *Otto's Tales: Let's Meet a Teacher* to the students.
2. Pause at opportune moments to check for understanding of key vocabulary words and their meaning. Ask questions such as:
  - Why is Dennis feeling nervous?
  - Who is helping Dennis?
  - What people are important to help Dennis overcome his fears?
3. After the video, gather the students to discuss the sequence of events. Ask questions such as:
  - What happened first?
  - What did Dennis do next?
  - How did Dennis's parents help him?
  - How did Dennis's teacher help him?
  - Notice how Dennis's teacher and parents worked together to help Dennis overcome his fears. Why is it important that families and teachers work together?

Wrap-Up: (10 mins.)

1. Hand out the "Otto's Tales: Let's Meet a Teacher Coloring Page" to students and give them time to complete it. While students color, allow students to discuss one thing they appreciate about their teachers and why teachers are important in the community.
2. In closing, ask two or three students to retell the story in their own words to assess comprehension and encourage storytelling skills. Use guiding questions to assess recall and understanding of the story's themes, such as the importance of teachers and families working together to help students.
3. Help students connect how teachers have contributed to their lives and how they might use their guidance in the future. Remind students that teachers play a large role in helping them learn new things, feel confident, and achieve their goals. Discuss how teachers can inspire them to be curious and hardworking and how they are important in building a supportive learning environment.

Extension Activities:

1. Have students write thank-you notes to another teacher. Collect and give them to the teacher as a special surprise.
2. Engage in a role-playing activity where students take turns pretending to be characters from the story, demonstrating how they can help and encourage each other through an event that may require some courage.

**Don't have time for the complete lesson? Quick Activity (15-20 mins.)**

After watching the video, distribute the coloring page and allow students to discuss one thing they appreciate about police officers and why they are important in the community.