

Today Is Mother's Day | Lesson Plan

What is the significance of Mother's Day?

Students will learn about the importance of Mother's Day and understand the value of honoring mothers through *Otto's Tales: Today is Mother's Day*.

Learning Objectives:

- Explain the importance of Mother's Day.
- Analyze how the mother's actions in the story demonstrate
- Identify the main characters and setting in *Otto's Tales: Today is Mother's Day*.
- Identify key vocabulary related to *Otto's Tales: Today is Mother's Day*.

Key Vocabulary:

- **Honoring:** Showing respect and admiration for someone or something; recognizing the value or importance of someone's actions or qualities.
- **Supportive:** Providing encouragement, assistance, or help to someone in need; offering emotional or practical support to others.
- **Appreciation:** Recognition and understanding of the value, significance, or quality of someone or something; feeling grateful for what someone has done or given.
- **Responsibility:** The duty or obligation to take care of or manage something or someone.
- **Role Model:** Someone who sets a positive example for others to follow, especially in terms of behavior, values, and attitudes.
- **Celebrate:** To honor or observe a special occasion with festivities, joy, and recognition.

Educational Standards: CCRA.RL.1, CCRA.RL.2, CCRA.L.1, CCRA.L.6, CCRA.SL.1

Academic Subject Areas: America, U.S. Holidays, Women of History

What You'll Need

- Video: *Otto's Tales: Today is Mother's Day* (Click [Here](#))
- Book (Optional): *Otto's Tales: Today is Mother's Day* (Purchase [Here](#))
- Worksheet: *Otto's Tales: Today is Mother's Day* (Click [Here](#))
- Construction paper and art supplies

Lesson Plan (45 mins.)

Warm-Up: (10 mins.)

1. Begin the lesson by asking students if they know what Mother's Day is and why it is celebrated.
2. Explain that Mother's Day is a special day to honor and appreciate mothers for all they do for their families.



3. Write on the board, "Why We Appreciate Mothers." Write down students' responses on the board. Encourage students to think about ways that mothers care for and make sacrifices for their families.

Watch and Complete: (25 mins.)

1. Show the video *Otto's Tales: Today is Mother's Day* to the students.
2. Engage students in a discussion about the story, focusing on the mother's role and any sacrifices or acts of support shown in the video.
3. Ask students questions such as:
 - Who did Dennis & Otto visit?
 - What did they learn from Abigail Adams?
 - What did they learn from Anna Lee Fisher?
 - What are some ways we can show appreciation to mothers?
4. Invite students to create Mother's Day cards for their moms or mother figures. Provide craft materials such as construction paper, markers, and stickers for students to use.
5. Encourage students to write a message expressing their appreciation for their moms and draw a picture of something special they do with their moms or something their moms do for them.

Wrap-Up: (10 mins.)

1. Distribute individual copies of the "Today Is Mother's Day Worksheet" and guide students through the following instructions:
 - In the **Calendar Area**, ask students to draw a picture of their mother or special mother figure in the space provided.
 - Have students write the name of the month and fill in the calendar by writing the numbers, starting from the correct day of the week. Remind them that May has 31 days.
 - In the **Month Section**, direct students to read aloud or sing the months of the year song. Then, have them color in the correct month.
 - In the **Seasons Section**, ask students to read aloud the four seasons, then color the appropriate season.
 - In the **Weather Section**, instruct students to circle or color the character that correctly displays today's weather.
 - In the **Telling Time Section**, guide students to write the current time in both analog and digital formats.
 - In the **Temperature Section**, have students color today's temperature.
2. Conclude the lesson by revisiting the key concepts discussed. Reinforce the significance of Mother's Day by asking students to share one thing they learned about why Mother's Day is celebrated.

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

After watching the video, distribute the coloring page *Otto's Tales: Today is Mother's Day* and allow students to discuss their favorite character or part of the story.