“The Very Hungry Caterpillar”
-A Lesson Plan for beginning ESL students:

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Objective: Students will learn the days of the week, new vocabulary and actively participate in the retelling of the story.

Materials:
-The Very Hungry Caterpillar By Eric Carle
-a color print out of the food that comes out in the book, cut out
-index cards with each day of the week
-a calendar

Procedure:
-Teacher will preview the days of the week by showing them the calendar and having the students repeat them. Teacher will also preview the different vocabulary from the cut outs and have the students repeat the words.
-Teacher will show the children the cover of The Very Hungry Caterpillar, having them say the words and showing the meaning through sign language and the pictures.
-Teacher reads the book, pointing out the meaning of words by pointing to the pictures.
-As students get the idea of the pattern/sequence of the story, teacher stops and lets the student fill in and finish the repetitive sentences.
-Teacher may reread the story one more time, allowing the students to fill in more of the story with each page, scaffolding where needed.
-Teacher then puts the days of the week card and picture cut outs out and has each student take turns retelling the story.

Assessment:
Students will be individually assessed for their retelling of the basic elements of the story.

Follow up activity:

Students create their own minibook with each day of the week, writing and drawing the food that the caterpillar ate and sequencing the caterpillar as an egg to the butterfly.