Mini-Lesson Details

As part of your Portfolio Assignment, you are required to teach two different mini-lessons. For each lesson, you should write a description including the school, grade level, frameworks or Common Core standards, student learning objectives, sequence of the lesson, duration, and your reflections after teaching the lesson.

Here are some ideas for your mini-lessons:
1. Read-aloud a story and discuss it with students.
2. Teach students a song to go along with a topic they are studying.
3. Lead a science lab activity.
4. Complete a graphic organizer with the whole group or a small group.
5. Work with a small reading group on letter sounds, comprehension or vocabulary strategies.
6. Have a short puppet show.
7. Make an interactive bulletin board and do an activity using it with students.
8. Play a review game.
9. Lead an activity with a website to enhance a topic they are studying.
10. Teach a picture book activity related to a topic they are studying.

***Be sure to discuss the activity in advance with the teacher and gain his/her input and advice. The lesson should address grade level frameworks or standards.

***You will teach one mini-lesson at each school. Be sure that you do your mini-lessons in different grade levels and that you teach two different lessons. (Example: Do not do 2 read-alouds.)

*** If students produce a work sample from your lesson, be sure to include a sample copy of the student work.
Reflection questions (These should be answered for each mini-lesson. Your answers should be substantive and show deep, reflective thinking.)

1. How did you prepare to teach this lesson? (teacher input, research, materials, study, etc.)
2. What parts of the lesson went as planned?
3. What parts of the lesson did not go as planned?
4. How did students respond to the lesson?
   (attentive, on-task, bored, excited, overwhelmed, etc.)
5. How did you assess student learning? How do you know learning occurred?
6. What could you do to improve the student learning experience if you taught this lesson again?
7. If you were the classroom teacher, what would be the next lesson you would teach to build on this lesson? Why?