# Preschool: Small Group Exemplar Video Introduction: Bridgeton

This preschool exemplar of a playful learning center demonstrates a preschool activity that meets the standard for identifying characters, settings, and major events. The teacher has already had the children act out the story: *The Adventures of Gary and Harry*, which takes place under sea. The story is about two turtles, and one of turtles gets in trouble by eating a plastic bag. It is part of the recycling unit so that children learn why depositing garbage in the ocean is not good for the aquatic ecosystem. The students have already acted this out in small group with the teacher and now the children are managing the activity on their own. This playful center is important to enabling children to understand how stories are formed, the connections of the characters, the sequence of major events, and the problems within stories. This center exemplifies how to support story comprehension with preschool students. Actively participating in dramatic play fosters creativity, social skills, language development and supports emotional regulation.

Please note the following exemplar practices in this preschool small group video:

* Includes valuable integration of play in centers and small groups.
* Literacy center example reflects a wide range of student engagement.
* Teacher questioning during centers elicits students to explain further and clarify ideas.
* Activities aligned to *Preschool Teaching and Learning Standards* (2014).
* Social skills and language development are fostered as children are encouraged to cooperate and communicate with each other.

*Preschool Teaching and Learning Standard* (2014) ELA:

RL.PK.1 With prompting and support, ask and answer key elements in a familiar story or poem.

RL.PK.2 With prompting and support, retell familiar stories or poems.

RL.PK.3 With prompting and support, identify characters, settings, and major events in a familiar story.