Sequencing Rationale

Every year, I try to engage my new first graders in a review unit. This ABC Animal Review concept map visually shows how students can be actively engaged in reviewing Kindergarten concepts in the first few weeks of first grade. This concept map shows science, social studies, mathematics, and language arts concepts integrating together for an engaging but challenging review unit.

Since this concept map describes review activities for the students, concepts can be taught in any order necessary. I would begin by reading animal ABC books to the students. The students can join in and read along or listen intently. Questions can be asked to review characters, ABC skills, setting or special meanings within the book. Beginning with a story should be an engaging introduction for the students.

Once the concept is introduced, ABC Animal Games or Kindergarten Sight Word Games can be played. These games are examples of engaging, group centered games that allow the students to review special Kindergarten skills.

Math concepts can be introduced throughout the core of the lessons. Animal patterning, addition animals and favorite animal tally are all examples of math activities that will review and reinforce math skills during this review week. The students will be able to practice their counting skills, graph skills and grouping items. Science activities can also be completed during this time. Animal habitats, nutrition and food are all science concepts that can be taught throughout this unit.

To conclude the review unit, a trip to the zoo could be an engaging and educational field trip. Numerous writing activities could then be completed wrap up and review what the students have learned over the course of the review unit.