Standards Met
1.1: Communication – Interaction
1.2: Communication – Interpretation
1.3: Communication – Production
3.1: Connections – Reinforce other content areas
4.1: Comparisons – German language patterns
5.1: Use German beyond school

Objectives:
The students will…
- demonstrate knowledge of commands through actions.
- demonstrate comprehension of “Rex Geht in die Schule/Rex Goes to School” by acting out the story as it is told in German.
- apply knowledge of things in a classroom through a variety of activities
- demonstrate their knowledge of German through routine classroom activities
- Apply their knowledge of numbers, days of the week, months of the year, and weather expressions in classroom routines

Anticipatory Set
Have the students create a “little school book” including all the different objects found in a classroom. You can print the school book from the following site if you are a member, or you can have the students draw and color their own following the example on this site.

http://www.enchantedlearning.com/languages/german/subjects/school.shtml
Rex Geht in die Schule

**New Words**
- hier--------here
- wau-wau- bow wow
- die Hunde - dogs
- er/sie mag----likes

**New TPR Words**
- kommt--------comes
- sagt----------says
- spielt--------plays
- lernt... kennen ----meets
- hört zu--------listens
- meldet sich--------raises hand
- macht auf-------- opens
- macht zu --------- closes
- liest--------------reads
- schreibt----------writes

Rex geht in die Kinderschule

Hier kommt der Schulbus. Wau wau!  
*Here comes the school bus. Bow wow!*

Hunde gehen nicht in die Schule.  
*Dogs don’t go to school.*

Rex geht in den Park.  
*Rex goes to the park.*

Rex geht in die Kinderschule. Wau wau!  
*Rex goes to the children’s school.  Bow wow!*

Rex spielt mit dem Ball.  
*Rex plays with the ball.*

Rex ist in der Klasse. Er lernt den Lehrer und die Schüler kennen.  
*Rex is in the class. He meets the teacher and the students.*

Sagt eure Namen, Schüler.  
*Rex sagt, “Wau wau.”*
Say your name, students.
Rex says, “Bow wow.”

Passt auf, Schüler.
Rex passt auf.
Pay attention, students.
Rex pays attention.

Hört den Lehrer zu.
Rex hört den Lehrer zu.
Listen to the teacher.
Rex listens to the teacher.

Meldet euch.
Rex meldet sich nicht.
Raise your hands.
Rex doesn’t raise his hand.

Macht das Buch auf und lest.
Rex macht das Buch nicht auf und liest nicht, denn es gibt keine Bücher für Hunde.
Open the books and read.
Rex doesn’t open the book and doesn’t read because there are no books for dogs.

Geht an die Tafel und schreibt.
Rex geht an die Tafel aber schreibt nicht.
Go to the board and write.
Rex goes to the board but doesn’t write.

Schreibt auf das Papier.
Rex schreibt nicht, denn er hat kein Papier.
Write on paper.
Rex doesn’t write because he has no paper.

Rex magt die Schüler.
Die Schüler mögen Rex.
Rex likes the students.
The students like Rex.
Input

- Have the students TPR key words from the story
- Tell the story in German using the power point presentation

Guided Practice

- Have the students sequence pictures from the story and match them with their corresponding captions.
- Have the students list all of the things in German that Rex did at school.

Extension Activities

- Practice school vocabulary in the following ways:
  - Match the picture of the classroom object with its corresponding word in German
  - As a class, say “Die Klasse” chant in German adding additional objects to the chant.
  - Conduct a Scavenger Hunt with objects in the classroom
  - Read school clues in English and have students tell what the clue describes in German.
  - Play concentration or the memory game with flashcards of classroom objects
  - Write classroom objects in German on Post It notes and then have the students place the Post It notes on the correct object in the classroom.
- Practice commands in the classroom in the following ways:
  - Have students TPR classroom commands in German
  - Give the students the command in German and have the students TPR the action
  - Show the visual of the command and have students say it in German
Evaluation
- Check comprehension of the story with simple yes/no questions or either/or questions.
- Do a stand and share activity where the students each share one part of the story.
- Say commands and have the students act them out.

Closure
- Retell the story and have the students fill in the blanks when the teacher pauses.
- Students can retell the story with a partner.

Extension Activities using Regular Classroom Routines
- Greet students in German Guten Tag, Willkommen
- Ask simple questions in German such as
  - Wie heißt du? What is your name?
  - Wie alt bist du? How old are you?
  - Was ist deine Lieblingsfarbe? What is your favorite color?
  - Wann hast du Geburtstag? When is your birthday?
  - Wie geht es dir? How are you?
  - Verstehst du? Do you understand?
- Go over the daily calendar asking such questions as the following:
  - Welcher Monate ist es? What month is it?
  - Der wievielte ist heute? What is the date today?
  - Was ist heute für ein Tag? What day is today?
  - Was war gestern für ein Tag? What day was yesterday?
  - Was ist morgen für ein Tag? What day is tomorrow?
  - Wieviele Tage hat dieser Monat? How many days are in this month?
  - Zählt auf deutsch die Tage bis heute. Count in German the number of days up to that date.
- Ask questions concerning the weather each day and what clothing you should wear in that type of weather:
  - Wie ist das Wetter heute? What is the weather like today?
  - Was tragen wir, wenn es regnet? What do wear when it is raining?
- Give instructions in German.
  - Commands – Befehle

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<td>Get in line!</td>
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At any opportunity, use the name of the object in the classroom in German instead of English: “Where is your Papier?”

Closing – tell students you will see them tomorrow in German Bis morgen.

Other Classroom Activities

- Label the items in the classroom
- Put courtesy expressions on the wall
- I’m sorry – Es tut mir leid. Excuse me – Entschuldigung.
- Thank you – Danke. Please – Bitte.
- Bless you – Gesundheit. You’re welcome - Bitte.
- Use a transition rhyme when you start to teach German such as Eins, zwei, drei, vier – sprechen wir kein Englisch mehr…
  - Have native speaker students teach a new word a day
  - Post a daily schedule of subjects in German
  - math – Mathe German – Deutsch
  - English – Englisch music – Musik
  - science – Wissenschaft physical education – Sport
  - art – Kunst social studies – Sozialkunde
  - reading – Lesen recess – Pause
- Take role, lunch count etc. in different ways using German. For example, the students might say Ich bin da or hier, name objects found in the classroom in German, say the colors in German, count in German etc.
Schulsachen

Matching
Match the word with the appropriate picture. Use Rex Goes to School PowerPoint slides 8-11 for picture and word pairings.

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Scavenger Hunt

Give each team a list of items to look for. The team with all the items gathered first or the team with the most items gathered within a given time period wins.

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School Clues

Fill in the blank with the word in German that fits the description given.

1. ___________ It is white and has lines. We write on it.
2. ___________ They study in the school and go to classes.
3. ___________ It represents the United States and is red, white & blue.
4. ___________ It is a desk where students sit.
5. ___________ You use this to erase the blackboard.
6. ___________ This is round and has countries, cities, rivers etc.
7. ___________ The same as above only it is flat.
8. ___________ You read these.
9. ___________ You enter and leave through this.
10. ___________ Students attend here to learn.
11. ___________ It is of glass, and you look through it.
12. ___________ You cut with these.
13. ___________ This person teaches.
14. ___________ This has the days and months on it.
15. ___________ You write with this, and it is permanent.
16. ___________ Students keep their notes in these.
17. ___________ You use this to measure.
18. ___________ Each book has several of these.
19. ___________ This is a teacher’s desk.
20. ___________ These are wonderful when they work.

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![Image of school-related objects]
Additional Resources

http://www.enchantedlearning.com/school/index.shtml
Lots of activities for a small fee – see anticipatory set

http://www.quia.com/shared/search
Vocabulary and school activities

http://www.magictreebookstore.com/backtoschl.html
Other back-to-school books

http://german.about.com/library/blvoc_educ2.htm
School and education vocabulary with self-scoring quiz

http://www.college-cram.com/study/german/presentations/527
Practice with online flashcards on several topics, including school and school subjects.

http://www.sedl.org/loteced/scenarios/german_schulanfang.html
Back to school learning scenarios.

http://www.schulanfang.com
Authentic German shopping site: everything for school!

Famous children’s book about school:
Conni kommt in die Schule, by Liane Schneider