

Primary Art Projects - Week 6

May 4-8, 2020

Dear Primary Artists and Families,

One way to invite creative thinking is with a designated art supply bin. I encourage you to grab an extra cardboard box or bin or basket and create an art bin for your home. You and your child can create a label for it as an art activity.

This is a place for things that may have been headed for the trash or recycling but might instead have potential as art supplies. Colored or painted paper that you aren't saving can go in the bin, cardboard tubes, boxes, bottle caps, egg cartons, bits of string, tinfoil, anything can be an art supply!

Every once in a while dump out the contents and encourage your child to play with the materials. You can add to the mix a scissors, hole punch, glue, markers or paint. Cut or tear up the paper scraps to make a collage (cardboard scraps make great bases for collage), paint the egg carton to make a treasure chest for things you find on your next walk, or just have fun playing with the materials and seeing them in a new light before you toss them and start again. Playing and experimenting with materials and seeing things anew are important parts of the creative process. Have fun with your art supply bin!

This week I have some activities to get you looking at and thinking about that most fundamental of art elements: line.

Make Some Line Art with Ms. Skor

Grab some paper and some crayons, markers, or pencils and draw along with Ms. Skor in this video where we talk about and look at lines.

Read *Harold and the Purple Crayon*

See what Harold can create with just a purple crayon, some lines, and his imagination in this classic book by Crockett Johnson. Read [Harold and the Purple Crayon](#) together with this virtual book provided by the Epic website.

Take Your Lines Outside

Grab your chalk and head outside. Start by making lots of dots (not too close to each other). Can you hop from dot to dot? Now connect your dots, each time making a different kind of line. What would an excited line look like? What color would a happy line be? Now follow your line path all the way 5 times, each time walking a different way (for example: like a crab, backwards, hopping on one foot, walk while flapping your wings like a bird and singing, one foot directly in front of the other touching each time). Did any of your lines come together to make shapes?

Make Salt Line Paintings



Materials Needed:

- Cardstock, paint paper or cardboard
- Tray
- Table salt
- Elmer's glue
- Watercolor paints (if you don't have any you can make liquid watercolors by adding food coloring to a very small amount of water)
- Paintbrush

Instructions:

- Watch Ms. Skor's video to see the process for making raised salt paintings.