

Curriculum Corner - Water - Scribble-Scrabble

Science:

Put a little salt in a cup of water and taste it. You are tasting the ocean.

'Scribble-Scrabble' - An Original Smarty Pants Art Technique

Introduction:

Remember, when you were in school and everybody told you to stay inside the lines to color?

Don't be afraid to let your kids 'scribble' in this art technique.

"You can't make a mistake in Art."

'Scribble-Scrabbling' is a great way to release emotions and enhance self-esteem by quickly and easily completing and displaying a finished product.

Allows a healthy 'uninhibited' moment in a world of structure, time constraints, and pressured expectations.

Use often for planned art, transitional activity after play, waiting for parents.

Works for all ages, stages, and "challenged overcomers". Encourages both movement and focus.

Combines art with language and develops listening skills.

Engages the child to interact with his own learning process. Children are most motivated when they are interested in what they are doing. It becomes relevant to them because they feel they are choosing to do it.

Basically, they are having FUN!

How to Scribble-Scrabble

Materials:

- White piece of paper, any size
- Crayons

Instructions: This is a Teacher directed activity

1. Talk the child through the project. They will quickly pick up on the process. (Helps to tape a paper up front and do it with them as you instruct.)

For example; "Now, you will get a Blue crayon. Wait. When we start, you will make big, long strokes to make your paper all Blue, like the Ocean (sky, etc.)."

2. Start and demonstrate the *instructional/directional language words* below for all 'Scribble-Scrabble' projects.

3. Encourage the child to say the words with you as they do the motions.

4. Begin the Instructional Narrative that drives the project.

Motion 1

*"Up and down, up and down,
this is the way my crayon goes."*

(Keep repeating that same directional stroke until you want to change motions. You control the timing of the project.)

Motion 2

*"Back and forth, back and forth,
this is the way my crayon goes."*

(Repeat until you change to the next motion).

Motion 3

*"Round and round, round and round,
this is the way my crayon goes."*

(Repeat various motions again until children have covered the sheet).

Conclusion:

"Is your paper all blue?
You just drew the Ocean!

Glue it on a piece of Blue Construction Paper for a frame and tape it on the wall.

'Scribble-Scrabbling' with Blues. Can be ocean or sky. Can cut and glue appropriate biomes.
(Ocean/fish, boats; Sky/birds, planes).

Use you and your children's imaginations for variations.

Other Applications of the Technique

Use Green/s to do the Earth.

Draw a line in the middle of paper (vertical or horizontal).

'Scribble-Scrabble' blue sky on top and green or brown earth on the bottom. Add cut-outs, trees, rocks, people, buildings, etc.)

'Scribble-Scrabble' to the Music of Different Tempos

Express the directional narrative words fast, faster, slow, very slow, etc. Give the child time to adjust their coloring speed. They love this and are very good at the transitions.

Use all colors 'scribble-scrabbled' together. After a motion, instruct the children "to choose another color of choice or another specific color."

Glue on different colors of construction paper.

Write a title with marker and artist signs name.

Make an Art Wall for Display

Practice the repetition and timing of the instructional words in this technique.

Enjoy the rewards of happily-learning children!