Art Project Plan

Butterflies in the Hands

Project:

1. Pre-paint the KidsArt Fairs paper with a light water color background with blue sky or use light blue construction paper as the background.

2. Using a sponge, paint one palm with non-toxic tempera paint. Let the child select the color. Guide the child as he/she presses their hand down onto the paper with their fingers and thumb spread out. Have the thumb pointing toward the top of the paper. Then paint the other hand with the same color and have him/her press that hand down on the paper overlapping or touching the thumb print. Another variation of the project is to use a footprints, heels together, to make a bird's wings.

3. Using finger paint and/or sponges, add antennae and body parts to complete your masterpiece.

4. When paintings are dry, have the artists sign their own work in the lower right-hand corner. Use the yellow signature template as a guide to position the signature where it will be visible when framed.

Signature Guideline and Painting

Materials:
- KidsArt Fairs paper
- Non-toxic tempera paint in various colors (finger paint)
- Water colors with a simple paint brush
- Sponges
- Paper towels
- Gallery-style frame

Objective: For the child – to provide sensory stimulation of hand, introduction to transfer of paint from hand to paper, view their own hand print.

For the parent/guardian - To create a timeless memory that captures a record of the child's physical size as well as a creative piece of art.

Note: For variety of artwork displays; have each child pick a different background, as well as the paint color for the hands.

Samples of "Butterflies in the Hands" and "Birds of a Foot" artwork created by Pre-K students in KidsArt Fair gallery-style frames.

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