

Class-Artists in Action
Grades 1/2
Lesson-Tree Art
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The purpose of this lesson to teach students how to paint an autumn tree.

Materials

- 1 pencil
- 1 black crayon or black sharpie
- 1 box of crayons
- 1 set of watercolors paints or finger-paints
- 1 9 x 12 sheet of construction paper

Introduction

For this lesson students will first listen to a read aloud of the book, *Sky Color*, by Peter Reynolds

If you have a copy, you may follow along in your book. Here is the link

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ehfb86HoEzA>

Examples





Steps

1. First have your child trace their hand and arm on a piece of paper. They may need help tracing their hand, trace it about half-way up to the elbow.
2. Next have your child trace over the pencil with either a black crayon or black sharpie. This is the outline of the tree trunk.
3. Then have your child decide if they would like to either color in the trunk with a brown crayon or paint.
4. Finally, using the watercolor or finger-paints have your child paint the leaves of the autumn tree using green, red, yellow and orange.
5. Once this is dry they can add a watercolor wash for a blue sky and green for grass around the trunk.

Extension

There are many other books by Peter Reynolds you may enjoy reading to your child.

Note

I would love to see your child's completed artwork. Feel free to send me an email of their art to kchatigny@forestcharter.com

Thoughtfully,
Kaleen