

Class-Artists in Action
Grade-Kindergarten
Lesson-Tree Art
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The purpose of this lesson to teach students how paint an autumn tree.

Materials

1 pencil
1 black crayon
1 box of crayons
Watercolor 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*, 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>

Steps

1. First help your child trace their hand and arm half-way to the elbow. Trace this in the middle of the paper.
2. Next help your child to outline their arm in black crayon. The arm will become the trunk of the tree.
3. Then have your child shade in the tree trunk with a brown crayon or paint.
4. Last using either finger-paints or watercolors your child will fill in the tree with thumbprint leaves using the green, red, yellow and orange. You can also have your child paint the background with a blue sky and the ground covered in green grass.
5. Remember there are no mistakes in art!



Example shown above

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