Class-Artists in Action
Grade-Kindergarten
Lesson-*Starry Night* Art
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The purpose of this lesson is to help students learn how to paint a *Starry Night* type of picture.
The final product of this lesson would look great placed at your child's art or school area.

Materials needed
1 black crayon
Set of crayons
Set of watercolors
 9 x 12 white construction paper

Introduction
For this lesson students will first listen to a read aloud of the book *Katy and the Starry Night*, by
James Mayhew.

If you have a copy of this book feel free to follow along. Here is the link
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QAPjNMsSc4M

Examples shown below

Starry Night by Vincent van Gogh, 1889

Student examples

Steps

1. Following the story, first have your child make three to five yellow or orange dots on the top third of the paper. These can be spaced randomly, not all in a line.
2. Using yellow and orange crayons draw two or three rows of wavy lines around the "dots".
3. Then using the green crayon, add wavy lines on the bottom of the paper to make the green hills.
4. Next using green, blue and purple crayons add some wavy trees on the green grass.
5. Next have your child color in the sky area around the yellow and orange dots with blue and purple wavy lines. Don't color in the entire sky just add wavy details.
6. Once your child has finished with the crayon details they will put a watercolor wash over the paper.
7. Using yellow watercolor, paint over the yellow and orange crayon, then using the blue watercolor, paint over the grass and trees.
8. For fun, have your child draw with a plastic fork to add extra details around the stars and trees by "tracing" over their watercolor areas.
9. Remember to have fun, there are no mistakes in art!

Extensions
There are many other wonderful picture books about the night sky, you may enjoy reading with your child.

Note
I would love to see examples of your child's completed artwork. Feel free to email me pictures of their art at kchatigny@forestcharter.com

Thoughtfully,

Kaleen