Flower Children Drawing

Every child is a flower! Their self portraits are fun and make a beautiful garden in the classroom. Oil pastels and wiggly eyes brighten the flowers. Discuss how diverse each child is; hair color, eyes

and hands. Self portraits are excellent tools for discovery. Talk about initials for identification. Have them use initials instead of names for a day.

Grade Levels K-4

Process

- Each student presses a Stancup[®] down with the palm of their hand. Press firmly to flare the edges of the cup.
- 2. Oil pastels blend well. Encourage children to use bright colors to look more like flowers. Only cover the inside of the cup.
- Choose two wiggly eyes per student (2 pkgs are needed as some eyes are too big to use). Use a small dot of glue for each eye.
- 4. Each child chooses a sheet of construction paper. Trace over both hands right and left, including the wrist.
- 5. Use oil pastels to color the hands. Embellish with rings, painted fingernails and wrist bands.
- 6. Apply glue at wrists to connect where they overlap. Fingers should touch at the thumb.
- 7. Apply glue to the top 2" of a dowel rod. Place bottom of flower in back on the glue. Hold until it sets. Apply the hands to the bottom of the rod with fingers under the chin.
- 8. Choose initials for bottom of wrists. Letters can be one color or two different colors.

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Materials

Stancup® Disposable Containers (04918-0100) package of 100, need 1 per student

Sakura Cray-Pas[®] Junior Oil Pastels (20013-5009) 50 color set, distribute throughout class

Pentel[®] Oil Pastels (20020-0369) 36 color set, distribute throughout class

Snippy[®] Scissors, pointed tip, (57040-2009) pack of 12, need 1 pair per student

Wiggle Eyes, Oval/Round (60938-1004) 100-piece assortment, need 2 packs per class

Stick It[®] Felt Letters and Numbers 81-piece assortment, need 1 package each: Red (63209-2982), Black (63209-2052) Assorted Primary (63209-1002)

Blick[®] Multi Purpose Glue, 8-oz, (23872-1065) need 6 bottles per class

Blick[®] 80-b Premium Construction Paper 9" x 12", (11409-1003) 50-sheet assortment, need 1 package

Wooden Dowel Rods (60448-1412) 12" length x 1/4" diameter, package of 12 need 3 packages

National Standards

Content Standard #2 – Using knowledge of structures and functions

K-4 Students know the differences among visual characteristics and purposes of art in order to convey ideas

Content Standard #3 Choosing and evaluating a range of subject matter, symbols, and ideas

K-4 Students select and use subject matter, symbols, and ideas to communicate meaning