

Rock Painting

Theme:

The theme of this activity is ladybugs.

Curriculum Areas:

Visual and Performing Arts.

Activity:

For this activity, we will be painting small rocks into ladybugs.

Age of Children: Grades 1-2.

Material Needed:

A small round rock. Paintbrushes. White, red, and black paint. A cup of water. Paper towels. Paper plate. Newspaper.

Developmental Objectives/Domains: By participating in this activity, children will:

1. Develop mobility skills in their hands and wrists as well as hand-eye coordination.
2. This activity can enhance cognitive development by having them create a mental plan of how they're going to paint their ladybug.
3. Learn cause and effect as well as patience. Waiting for their paint to dry and well as learning that the more paint that is used the darker the color will be.

Procedure:

1. Have the kids go outside and find a small round rock.
2. Wash the rock and let it dry.
3. Set paint and brushes out. Get paper towels and a cup of water.
4. Set the newspaper on a flat surface, and pour white paint onto your paper plate.
5. Paint the rock white, let it dry, and then put a second coat of white paint on.
6. Let the paint dry and then put a coat of red paint over the white paint. Do two coats of red paint.
7. Once the red dries, get the black ready and make a half-circle at one side of the rock for the head.
8. Take the paintbrush and use the back, dip the end into the black paint and make dots all over the red part of the ladybug. Wipe off the black once you are done making black dots.
9. Dip the end of the brush in white paint, make two dots in the black area for eyes.

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