

This lesson will show kids the different colors found in leaves and teach them how to mix them with watercolors.

Description

Objectives

1. Learn how to mix watercolors.
2. Learn how to hold a paintbrush.
3. Observe colors found in nature.
4. Learn to be creative in the execution of their ideas.

Materials

1. Watercolor Paints & paintbrush
2. Watercolor Paper with leaf printed on it.
3. Found leaves from outside.
4. [Example Lesson Video](#)

Vocabulary

Seasons (Winter, Spring, Summer, Autumn/Fall), Colors found in nature, Paint, Edge, Border, Color Mixing

Discussion

- Present the students with pictures from books about leaves, slides of leaves. Show them leaves from different seasons.
- Present a color wheel and talk about what colors they can use for their leaves.

Motivation

- What colors do you see around you?
- How do you think you can create the leaf you're looking at and put it onto the paper?

Lesson Procedure

1. Show different colored leaves.
2. Set out the watercolor paint, let the children decide what colors to use.
3. Show them how to use watercolor paints and how to hold a paintbrush.
4. Show them how to mix their own colors to create new ones.
5. Have them paint their leaves fun colors of their choosing.

Assessment

Students should be able to name the colors on the watercolor palette or the colors on their painting. They should have basic understanding of color mixing, and how to use watercolor paints.