

ART - Gr2 – Lesson – Leaf Rubbing

Curriculum: Art; Science

Learning Goals:

- Access a variety of senses to gather details
- Use observation skills found in scientists and artists
- Expand artistic techniques
- Practice control of fine motor skills

Materials:

- Variety of leaves collected from outdoors. (Please do not pull leaves from trees.)
- Wax paper or plastic bag to lay leaves on top
- Piece of paper
- wax crayons

Activity:

Go outside and take a walk in the neighbourhood. Collect leaves from the ground that you find interesting.

Use your observation skills and notice the veins and lines on each leaf. Are the edges different from other leaves? Do you notice a pattern? What colours do you see? Feel the texture of the leaves. What does it feel like? (You might like to close your eyes and let your fingers show you.) What stands out? Can you name any of the leaves?

Watch this video on how to work through the process of leaf rubbing.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W66TAqCT4hc>

You may notice this technique is different as it uses a variety of colours to enhance the picture.

On a flat surface, lay a piece of wax paper or plastic bag to protect your table.

Choose the leaves you wish to use for your art and lay them out over the wax paper or plastic.

Place a piece of paper over top.

Choose a variety of colours that you think will give your picture some interest.

Hold the paper down and start in a small location to add colour. Watch the way you press down with your crayon trying to adjust the pressure especially as you go over a vein of a leaf.

