

Art Gr3 – Lesson 1 – Observation is Key

Curriculum: Fine Arts; Core Competency-Personal & Self Awareness; Science

Learning Goals:

- Demonstrate curiosity about the world
- Make observations about the local environment
- Use materials to extend fine motor skills

Materials:

- A found rock
- Acrylic paint and brush
- Notebook
- Paper towel or napkin

Activity:

Go outside and find the best rock you can. It should have smooth type qualities and fit easily in your hand.

Turn the rock over in your hand.

Notice the texture and how it feels sitting in your hand. If you have a magnifying glass in the house, you might wish to use that. Good artists notice things. They see things in different ways.

If your rock could be something else what would it be?

In your notebook draw your rock including everything you notice about your rock. Good artists are good scientists. Use colours to define any details. You might wish to label some of the details.

On your real rock, use acrylic paint to paint your rock – use designs that you think makes your rock your own! For example, you might wish to paint a rainbow, add your name. Or even add your favourite sport or hobby. Or you might paint on special words that is meaningful to you.

Here is a video to help if you need it: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hY9r-oMOG-A>

Make sure you have a spot where you can leave your rock to dry on a paper towel or napkin.

Extension:

Our local environment is made of many different kinds of rocks. Take a look at this to find more:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tNs1gqkYerg>