AN EARTH-FRIENDLY BREAKFAST

Green Lesson Plan

OBJECTIVES

Students will...
• Use recycled materials to create eco-friendly art.
• Identify “Pop Art” as an art movement with related master artists.
• Mold and shape Crayola® Model Magic® to form three-dimensional cereal and “organic” fruit pieces.
• Apply a variety of painting techniques to create representational food items.

TIME REQUIRED

4 class periods (approximately 40 minutes each)

VOCABULARY

• Eco-friendly
• Representational
• Found objects
• Three-dimensional
• Pop Art
• Variety

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INTRODUCTION

• Discuss what it means to create eco-friendly art in terms of using found objects.
• Explore the environmental benefits of recycling these items to produce a work of art.
• Show artwork associated with famous artists of the Pop Art Movement such as Andy Warhol, Claes Oldenburg, and more.

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Collect recycled breakfast school cafeteria items: assorted varieties of individual serving size cereal containers with lids, plastic cafeteria spoons or sporks, and milk cartons. Rinse well and set to dry.

2. Glue the various cereal container lids on a cardboard backing, piece of mat board, or piece of foam board (approximately 18” x 24”) in a way that demonstrates artistic variety. (A combination of Crayola® School Glue and water painted on with a brush may work best to secure the lids.) Trim overhanging lid edges and seal with Mod-Podge®.

3. Using real cereal as a visual model, mold and shape Crayola® Model Magic® to form several three-dimensional cereal pieces. Let dry.

4. Using real fruit as a visual model, mold and shape Crayola® Model Magic® to form three-dimensional “organic” fruit pieces. Let dry.

5. Paint cereal and fruit pieces with Crayola® Portfolio® Series acrylic paint and paint brushes. Use blending and detailing techniques to accurately represent the objects. Let dry.
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6. Pour about ½” of Crayola® School Glue into the cereal container and carefully place painted cereal pieces in the glue. Add more glue as needed to create the illusion of milk. The “milk” will need approximately 48 hours to dry completely.

7. Using hot glue, line the border of the artwork with recycled plastic cafeteria spoons. Then adhere the cereal container(s), fruit, and recycled milk cartons.

8. Admire finished product and discuss ways this eco-friendly masterpiece has benefited the environment.

FOR THE ENVIRONMENT

Pine Jog Elementary, located in West Palm Beach, Florida will be a L.E.E.D. (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) Certified School and one of Florida’s first green schools. Pine Jog has a science, nature, and art curriculum dedicated to teaching its students about environmental topics and concerns. An extensive recycling program has been implemented throughout the school, including the cafeteria. Instead of paper or Styrofoam® trays, reusable trays are utilized to cut down on waste. If a need arises to ever use disposable trays, biodegradable ones are used. Anything that is not consumed or recycled is put through the pulper, a machine that breaks down all leftover food, napkins, sporks, etc. into tiny pieces. One bag of garbage that is produced by the pulper is equivalent to approximately six bags of regular garbage, so less waste is put into landfills. Lastly, all cleaners used in the school are earth-friendly.

This eco-friendly art lesson, designed for Crayola®, is intended to shed light on cafeteria garbage and encourage schools across the nation to find ways to reduce waste using any one of the ideas above. Our students and world need it, so be creative and take action today.
MATERIALS LIST

• Recycled individual serving size cereal containers with lids from school cafeteria (assorted varieties)
• Recycled school cafeteria spoons or sporks
• Recycled student milk cartons
• Crayola® Model Magic® Classpack, white — 9722293
• Crayola® Portfolio® Series Acrylic Paint, set of 6 — 9716635
• Crayola® School Glue — 9714826
• Mod-Podge® — 8100269
• Crayola® Arts & Craft Brush Set — 9727421
• Cardboard, mat board, or foam board approx. 18” x 24”
• Visuals of real fruit
• Hot glue gun — 9731441
• Glue sticks — 9706603
• Blunt Scissors — 9726128
• Pointed Scissors — 9726129