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Animal Art Exploration with Hailey

Instructions:

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Topics

Animal art, animals, art, kindergarten, 1st grade, low materials, take-home projects

Lesson Ideas

Lesson Title

Animal Art Exploration

Duration

1 hour

Lesson Plan

1. Introduction to Animal Art (10 minutes)

- Gather the children in a circle and show them pictures of animals in art from different cultures.
- Discuss the characteristics of each animal and how they are depicted in art.

2. Animal Drawing Activity (15 minutes)

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- Provide each child with a piece of drawing paper and crayons.
- Instruct the kids to choose their favorite animal and draw it, emphasizing imagination over realism.

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4. Animal Parade (10 minutes)

- Encourage the children to wear their masks and gather in a line for a mini-parade.
- Play animal-themed music, and let them march around the room, showing off their creations.

5. Sharing and Closing (5 minutes)

- Gather the children back in a circle.
- Ask a few volunteers to share what they learned about their chosen animals.
- Congratulate them on their efforts and creativity.

Materials List

- Pictures of animals in art
- Drawing paper
- Crayons
- Paper plates
- Markers
- Glue sticks
- Scissors (used only by the teacher)
- Craft materials (e.g., construction paper, feathers, pipe cleaners)

Adaptations for Different Ages

- For younger children (Kindergarten): Simplify the drawing instructions and provide pre-cut shapes for masks.
- For older children (1st Grade): Encourage more detailed descriptions of their animal's habitat during sharing time.

Movement Break

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- "Animal Yoga": Lead the children in a quick session of animal-inspired yoga poses (e.g., downward dog, cat-cow stretch).

Bonus Activities

- Animal Story Time: Read a short animal-themed story or fable.
- Animal Sound Game: Play a guessing game where children make sounds of different animals, and the group guesses the animal.

Series Outline

****Week 1: Introduction to Animal Art****

- Discuss different types of animal art and show examples such as cave paintings and tribal art.
- Create a class mural of various animals using markers and crayons.
- Design animal masks using paper plates and basic craft supplies.

****Week 2: Wildlife Wonders – Mammals****

- Draw and decorate large cutouts of different mammals (e.g., lions, elephants) for take-home art.
- Craft a simple book about favorite mammals using folded paper and crayons.
- Organize an 'animal parade' where students hold up their mammal artwork and introduce them.

****Week 3: Sensational Birds****

- Feather painting: Use real or paper feathers to paint bird-like shapes on paper.
- Create binoculars out of toilet paper rolls and pretend to bird-watch in the classroom.
- Make a collage of colorful birds using torn paper pieces.

****Week 4: Underwater Adventures – Fish and Sea Creatures****

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- Draw and decorate fish using bright colors and patterns, then assemble a classroom 'aquarium' wall display.
- Construct simple fish shapes with clay or play dough and decorate them.
- Organize a 'fishing trip' game where students mimic catching fish with magnetic poles and learn about each one.

****Week 5: Backyard Friends – Insects and Arachnids****

- Fingerpaint butterflies and insects on small canvases or paper, incorporating symmetry.
- Create pipe cleaner insects for a classroom garden model.
- Explore textures by making rubbings of leaves and observing where insects might live.

****Week 6: Reptiles and Amphibians****

- Make paper plate turtles with colorful, patterned shells.
- Produce snake crafts using paper chain loops and decorate with crayons.
- Assemble a diorama showcasing a reptile habitat using construction paper and found objects.

****Week 7: Farm Animals Fun****

- Make finger puppets of common farm animals for storytelling activities.
- Paint or draw scenes of farm life, using inspiration from farm visits or picture books.
- Create 'stained glass' farm animals using tissue paper and contact paper.

****Week 8: Animal Habitats and Biomes****

- Color and assemble paper models of different animal homes (burrows, nests).
- Build a simple jungle diorama with animal cutouts and greenery decor.
- Collaborate in groups to create large habitat posters that include multiple animal species.

****Week 9: Animal Movements and Patterns****

- Create stamp art using potato stamps to mimic animal prints.
- Work as a class to perform a movement-based activity, mimicking various animal actions.
- Paint or draw animals with distinct patterns, focusing on zebras, cheetahs, and other unique creations.

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****Week 10: Animal Art Exhibition****

- Organize an art show for students to display their projects from the past weeks.
- Encourage students to give short presentations about their favorite animal and associated art.
- Create animal-themed treats to celebrate the exhibition's success (e.g., animal-shaped cookies).

For additional support, reference this [experience outline template](#) which includes tips and prompts to help you develop and lead an excellent Grasshopper Kids experience.

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