

Succulent Propagation and Garden Decor Stone with Chigusa

Instructions:

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Topics

How about these?

Gardening

- Succulent propagation in a cup / or kids can bring their own little planter if they want.
- Paint on a stone as a garden decor.

Lesson Ideas

Lesson Title

Succulent Propagation and Garden Decor Stone

Duration

1 Hour

Lesson Plan

1. ****Introduction to Succulents (10 minutes)****

- Briefly introduce what succulents are and discuss their unique characteristics.
- Show examples of various succulent plants and explain why they are popular for propagation.

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2. **Succulent Propagation (15 minutes)**

- Demonstrate how to propagate a succulent using a leaf or cutting.
- Allow each child to select a succulent leaf or cutting and plant it in their provided cup or personal planter.
- Guide them through the steps: preparing the soil, placing the leaf/cutting, and lightly watering.

3. **Painting Garden Decor Stones (25 minutes)**

- Introduce garden stone painting as a creative way to decorate a garden.
- Distribute smooth stones to each child.
- Guide children to paint their own designs on the stones, encouraging creativity and expression.
- Set the stones aside to dry.

4. **Conclusion and Clean-Up (10 minutes)**

- Recap the propagation process and discuss ideal care for their new plants.
- Encourage kids to share their stone designs and what they mean.
- Assist students with cleaning up their work areas.

Materials List

- Succulent leaves or cuttings
- Small cups or personal planters
- Potting soil suitable for succulents
- Small watering cans or spray bottles
- Smooth stones for painting
- Acrylic paints and brushes
- Paint palettes or containers
- Aprons or smocks for painting

Adaptations for Different Ages

- ****Younger Children****: Provide step-by-step guidance and allow extra time for painting and planting activities. Use larger brushes for easier handling.
- ****Older Children****: Introduce more in-depth information about succulent varieties and propagation techniques. Encourage intricate designs and techniques in stone painting.

Movement Break

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- ****Garden Yoga****: Lead a brief session of garden-themed yoga poses, such as tree pose and flower pose, to refresh and energize the kids before beginning the stone painting.

Bonus Activities

- ****Label Creation****: Provide materials for kids to create small labels for their succulents or painted stones, adding names or fun facts.
- ****Story Time****: Share a short story or fun facts about succulents or garden creatures while waiting for the paint to dry.

Series Outline

****Week 1: Introduction to Succulents and Gardening Basics****

- Discuss the characteristics of succulents and their benefits.
- Explore basic gardening tools and their uses with a hands-on demonstration.
- Create a mini succulent observation journal for monitoring plant growth.

****Week 2: Selecting the Right Planter****

- Learn about different types of planters and their effects on plant health.
- Decorate individual planters using paints or natural materials.
- Plant a starter succulent in the decorated planters.

****Week 3: Understanding the Propagation Process****

- Discuss the steps and methods of succulent propagation.
- Demonstrate leaf and stem cutting techniques on spare leaves.
- Practice propagating single leaves in a cup or personal planter.

****Week 4: Creating a Succulent Garden in a Cup****

- Design a small succulent arrangement in a cup or other small container.
- Discuss soil types and layering techniques for optimal growth.
- Begin tracking the arrangement progress in the observation journal.

****Week 5: Watering and Care Instructions****

- Provide guidelines for watering succulents efficiently.
- Discuss signs of under- and over-watering through interactive activities.
- Implement a simple watering schedule as a classroom project.

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****Week 6: Painting Garden Decor Stones****

- Explore artistic painting designs suited for garden decor stones.
- Provide stones and paint materials for individual decor projects.
- Have kids create a story or name for their garden stone design.

****Week 7: Exploring Sunlight and Growth Patterns****

- Discuss the role of sunlight in succulent growth.
- Create a sun exposure diary to track plant location and sunlight received.
- Play a "Sunlight Shuffle" game to understand the plant's need for light.

****Week 8: Introducing Creative Companions: Cement or Clay Pots****

- Explore molding techniques for making cement or clay plant pots.
- Allow students to create and design their own small plant pots.
- Discuss the drying and setting process for handmade pots.

****Week 9: Miniature Succulent Garden****

- Arrange a group project to create a larger collaborative succulent garden.
- Incorporate painted stones and student-created decor as garden accents.
- Designate roles related to planting, arranging, and watering.

****Week 10: Final Touches & Project Showcase****

- Customize step-by-step guides on maintaining and developing succulent arrangements.
- Host a mini garden show where students present their planters and decorated stones.
- Reflect on the skills learned throughout the program and discuss plant care continuation.

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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