

Cloud Lamp Creation Experience with Sb

Instructions:

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Topics

crafts, art, fun, science, ambience

Lesson Ideas

Lesson Title

Cloud Lamp Creation Experience

Duration

1 Hour

Lesson Plan

1. Introduction to Clouds and Ambience (10 minutes)

- Discuss what clouds look like and how they create ambience in the sky.
- Explain the concept of ambience and how it influences mood.
- Briefly introduce the activity: creating a cloud lamp to bring a piece of sky into their room.

2. Materials Exploration (5 minutes)

- Show and discuss the materials needed for the cloud lamp creation.
- Explain the role of each material in the creation process.

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3. Create the Cloud Base (10 minutes)

- Guide kids in attaching cotton batting or fiberfill around a paper lantern with glue.
- Encourage creativity in forming the shape of the cloud.

4. Decorating the Cloud (15 minutes)

- Have kids apply LED fairy lights inside the lantern.
- Discuss different lighting effects and how color can affect ambience.
- Allow kids to turn on their lamps to see the effect.

5. Science Connection (10 minutes)

- Discuss how real clouds form, drawing a connection between the craft and scientific principles.
- Explain evaporation, condensation, and precipitation in simple terms.

6. Sharing and Reflection (10 minutes)

- Allow kids to share their cloud lamps with each other.
- Discuss how each cloud lamp creates a different type of ambience.
- Reflect on what they learned about clouds, art, and ambience.

Materials List

- Paper lanterns
- Cotton batting or synthetic fiberfill
- LED fairy lights
- Glue (hot glue with supervision or craft glue)
- Scissors
- Optional: Color gels for changing the LED light color

Adaptations for Different Ages

- Younger children: Pre-cut the fiberfill and use larger lanterns for easier handling. Supervise the use of glue.
- Older children: Encourage them to create more complex shapes and experiment with layering for different light effects.

Movement Break

- Cloud Imitation Game (5 minutes)

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- Lead kids in a movement break where they imitate different types of clouds (e.g., fluffy, wispy, stormy) with stretching and gentle movements.

Bonus Activities

- Cloud Observation Journals
 - Encourage kids to start a journal where they draw or write about different clouds they observe outside.
- Ambience Storytelling
 - Invite kids to tell a story set in a sky full of clouds, using their lamps as a mood-setting prop.

Series Outline

****Week 1: Introduction to Clouds and Their Types****

- Presentation on different types of clouds (cumulus, stratus, cirrus, and nimbus).
- Storytelling session using cloud shapes and myths.
- Creative cloud drawing and painting activity.

****Week 2: Basics of Electricity and Circuits****

- Simple circuit demonstration with batteries and LEDs.
- Interactive session on safety and fun facts about electricity.
- Build a basic circuit using conductive materials and an LED.

****Week 3: Crafting with Cotton and Paper****

- Introduce various crafting materials that resemble clouds (cotton balls, tissue paper).
- Hands-on activity: Create cloud shapes using cotton on paper.
- Try different textures and techniques to create 3D cloud art.

****Week 4: Designing the Cloud Lamp Base****

- Discuss shapes and structures for the lamp base using everyday materials.
- Sketching and planning session for individual designs.
- Begin creating the wire or frame structure for the cloud lamp.

****Week 5: Introduction to LED Lighting****

- Explore how LEDs work and their energy efficiency.
- Interactive activity: Choose and test different LED colors for ambience.

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- Install LED lights into the previously created base structures.

****Week 6: Cloud Lamp Assembly (Part 1)****

- Combine cotton clouds and lamp bases using hot glue and other adhesives.
- Experiment with different cotton attachment techniques for a fluffy effect.
- Discuss the balance of light and shadow in creating ambience.

****Week 7: Cloud Lamp Assembly (Part 2)****

- Complete the assembly of the cloud lamps.
- Test the lighting effects in a dark room to observe the ambience change.
- Group critique and suggestion session for improvements.

****Week 8: Creative Decoration and Personalization****

- Decorate the cloud lamps with additional elements like glow-in-the-dark paint or glitter.
- Write a short story or poem inspired by their cloud lamp.
- Share personal creative processes and stories with the group.

****Week 9: Science of Light and Color****

- Explore the science behind light and color mixing.
- Conduct experiments demonstrating how different materials can diffuse light.
- Discuss how these principles apply to their cloud lamp designs.

****Week 10: Showcase and Reflect****

- Host a presentation evening where students showcase their cloud lamps.
- Reflection session: Discuss what they learned about crafts, art, and science through the project.
- Certificates of completion and small tokens of appreciation handed out.

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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