

Art Matters Lesson Plan

Art Play Lesson #9: Identity Street Sign

Inspired by Only In Albuquerque

(Route 66 sign)

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Tools

Materials

Pencil Sharpies Colored markers Scissors Ruler/Straight Edge, Circle Template (bowl, plate, etc)	Medium or Large-sized Paper, Colored Paper Paper for writing (enough paper for artists to make multiples)
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Set Up

1. Paper of varying sizes and colored construction paper (if available) and markers
2. Paper for writing exercise
3. Clear a workspace with enough room for materials and everyone to work

Instructions

1. Warm Up: A couple long deep breaths
2. Writing Activity: I am From Poem
 - a. Write each of the following phrases on a blank sheet of paper.
I am from the sound of _____
I am from the smell of _____
I am from the sight of _____
I am from the touch of _____

I am from the taste of _____. *I am from the ____ of _____

- b. We will play music, and for the next 5 minutes write where you are from using the power of our senses, adding a 6th unique one of your choice.
 - c. When you've completed your poem, take a moment to go around and share.
 - d. Next, pick a line or two of your poem, these will be used for the next activity.
3. Sign Making Activity: Symbols and Words
- a. Think back to the I am From Poem. Choose an image or text from your writing, or come up with another idea.
 - b. Decide which geometric sign shape you will use to frame your image/text.
 - c. Sketch out a few options before committing to your final design.
 - d. Draw your sign shape and fill in with image/text.
 1. Use construction paper or markers for colored backgrounds.
 2. Use sharpie to outline and embolden shapes and words.
 3. Feel free to design multiple signs.

Questions to Consider as you work

1. What imagery or text represents what I want to say to my community?
2. What colors and shapes support my message?
3. Am I breathing, taking a moment to pause and look at my work, and letting go of 'shoulds'?

Clean Up

1. Be sure all markers are capped tightly, put them away
2. Choose to keep or recycle warm up arts
3. Choose to keep (encouraged!) or recycle artwork

Closing:

Take a deep breath. Share your work with each other. Be present and give feedback.

Consider taping your signs up on the walls.

Thank you for making art today!