

Lesson #25 Snow Scene

Grade Level: K - 6

Description/Objective

The students go on a nature hike and look for small fallen flat branches and small evergreen branches to print. They print these shapes on "snow paper".

Time

1 hour

Materials

12" x 18" dark blue construction paper (1 per student)

Newspaper

White tempera paint

White tempera paint thinned with water

Black tempera paint thinned with water

Spray bottle

Cookie sheet

Flat tree branches and evergreen branches

Cotton swabs (1-2 per student)

Procedure

1. Put thinned white tempera in an empty spray bottle. The tempera should have the consistency of milk. Have each student spray a sheet of blue construction paper to make "snow paper". To prevent a mess, use a box or several sheets of newspaper to lay construction paper on when spraying.

2. After the paper is dry, use the flat branches and evergreen branches to make a winter scene. Pour slightly thinned black paint on a cookie sheet, then swish the branches in the paint. Place the black branches on the "snow paper" and pat down with a paper towel or newspaper. Remove branches to leave the black silhouettes. These winter pictures look beautiful. Students can use cotton swabs dipped in white tempera to make snow hills.

Subject Matter Integration

LANGUAGE ARTS: "Snow paper" makes a great cover for a winter poetry book, or Christmas/holiday cards.

SCIENCE: Identify and discuss plants during nature hike.

Variations/Extensions

1. Spray orange paint on yellow paper. Pour slightly thinned red paint on a cookie sheet, and swish small flat leaves in the paint. Place the leaves on the yellow paper and pat down with a paper towel. Use this paper for a fall poetry book cover.