

Spring Bloom Painting

K-5

Objective: Students will create a painting of spring flowers to demonstrate foreground, background and subject.

Topics & Keywords for Discussion:

Still life: a painting or drawing of an arrangement of objects, typically including fruit and flowers.

Spring equinox: the day when winter ends and spring begins, when day light and night-time are approximately equal length. 2020 Spring Equinox is Friday March 20.

Foreground: the part of a view that is nearest to the observer.

Background: the area or scenery behind the main object of a picture.

Subject: the main idea represented in artwork.



Materials: Blank copy paper, multi-media paper, paint, cups of water, paintbrushes, pencils. OPTION- use markers instead of paint and have students DRIP WATER to convert drawing into a watercolor painting! OPTION- arrange flowers and fruits/vegetables to create a STILL LIFE scene in the room that students can draw and paint from sight!

Opening Activity: Share with students that they will be making spring time paintings and that the SUBJECT of those paintings will be flowers. Describe and demonstrate with students 4 different styles of drawing flowers: bubble petals, fireworks, thin ruffle petals, pointed oval petals. Distribute the copy paper and have students draw a vertical and horizontal line, crossing the page into 4 quadrants. In each quadrant, have students practice a flower in each style.

Core Activity: Instruct students to draw a spring floral scene from their own imagination. Their finished piece of art will INCLUDE A BACKGROUND. Remind students to use shading and tinting to show texture for their blossoms and to TAKE THEIR TIME! Great art takes time and attention, practice and FOCUS. Spring is celebrated in many places around the world as a time when winter finally releases it's icy grip and each day feels a bit warmer as the hours of sunlight grow longer and longer each day. There are some unique spring festivals and celebrations around the world, like...

Songkran Water Festival – Thailand- where festivities last up to six days and ALWAYS involve throwing water and dancing in the streets.

Holi- Northern India- the most colorful festival in the world, where people throw colored powder at each other in celebration of the victory of good over evil.

Flower Parade- Holland- A much celebrated 12-hour-long parade where elaborate floats constructed of bulb flowers like hyacinths, tulips and daffodils travel over 24 miles!

Reflection: How do YOU celebrate spring? Does your family or culture have any spring traditions? Do you notice any changes in the weather in spring time?