



Art Games and Activities for Camps

Purpose: To help students get to know each other while doing a fun art warm-up exercise.

Warm up activity #1:

Paper fold creature: fold your paper in 3rds (teachers may want to fold for the 5-7 age, and check each time they pass their paper to make sure the next person is drawing in the correct place): first person draws the head, 2nd person draws the body, 3rd person draws the legs, (before passing on, the person should indicate with small pencil marks where the next person should continue the drawing). Can be an animal or a person, or both. At the end the students open their drawings to reveal the silly collaboration.

Warm up activity #2:

Story art. Teacher makes a story, each time adding a new element. The students illustrate the story based on what the teacher says. Students can pass their paper to the next person for each new story plot twist, or they can do this individually without passing their paper along.

Warm up activity #3:

Fast draw: students are given a blank piece of paper draw anything they want for 1 minute. Teacher says "stop and pass to the right" or "pass to the left" and the next person continues the drawing, adding whatever they want. At the end the students gather around to see how the drawing morphed.

Warm up activity #4:

Dice game: roll the dice and draw what it says

Warm up activity #5:

Pictionary

Warm up activity #6:

Circle Art: Print a page of 24 circles. How many different pictures can you draw in 2 minutes using the circles?

Warm up activity #7:

Roll A Face: Each student will receive a card with 6 eyes, nose, mouth, ears, hair and head shape. They will roll the dice 6 times, each roll will tell them which part of the face they will add to their silly face. (Find face cards in drawer)

Warm up activity #8:

Squiggle Art: Find a partner. Draw a simple squiggle on your partner's paper. They have to make a picture out of your squiggle. You can also assign a topic to each picture such as; your finished picture has to be something that lives in the ocean. Or, you can give each student the same squiggle and see what everyone comes up with.

Warm up activity #9:

Back up art: Find a partner. Tape paper to 1 persons back. The person with the paper on their back must tell their partner what to draw. The person drawing must following directions without knowing what they are drawing.

Warm up activity #10:

Missing Half: Print half a simple line drawing. The student must finish the other half in 2 minutes.