

day and night

Language: Create a dream book. Children can draw their favorite dream and dictate a sentence about it.

Related books

Fireflies for Nathan by Shulamith Levey Oppenheim

Good Night Moon by Margaret Wise Brown

The Midnight Farm by Reeve Lindberg

What the Sun Sees/What the Moon Sees by Nancy Tafuri

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Scribble Art Dreams

3+

Materials

Matthew's Dream by Leo Lionni

Permanent black marker

Paper

Colored markers

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What to do

1. Read *Matthew's Dream* by Leo Lionni to the children.
2. Invite the children to make pictures like the drawings in the book.
3. Ask each child to make a simple "scribble drawing" on a piece of paper using a permanent black marker.
4. Using colored markers, ask the child to color each section of the drawing in a different color.
5. Notice how the drawings resemble the artwork in *Matthew's Dream* by Leo Lionni.

More to do

Language: Have the children share stories of their favorite or scariest dreams.

Related books

Dreams by Ezra J. Keats

Matthew's Dream by Leo Lionni

There's a Nightmare in My Closet by Mercer Mayer

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Starry, Starry Night

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Materials

White art paper
Crayons
Watercolors
Sponges, cut in 2" x 2" (5 cm x 5 cm)
Containers
Water
Silver or gold glitter and glue

What to do

1. The day before you plan to do this activity, ask the children to look at the night sky and to try to remember all that they see.
2. The next day, invite the children to draw a picture of what they saw in the night sky.
3. Suggest that they color the stars and moon with crayons, pressing hard, but ask them not to color the sky.
4. Give the children watercolors, sponges, and containers of water. Using the sponges, the children should wet their papers entirely and put a black or dark blue "wash" over their pictures of the sky.
5. When the pictures are dry, invite the students to use glitter to make their "Starry, Starry Night" pictures sparkle.

More to do

Dramatic play: Use a refrigerator box to make a "rocket ship" for the play center. Put a journal or plain paper inside for the "astronauts" to record what they see in "outer space."

Related books

My House Has Stars by Megan McDonald
My Place in Space by Robin and Sally Hirst
Twilight Comes Twice by Ralph Fletcher

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