Clown Face Painting!

USE THESE INSTRUCTIONS WITH Clown Face Painting BRAINSTORMING PACKET

Overview
Create a colorful clown face that displays a unique “character” that fits child personality and circus traditions.

Why?

By the end of this activity, child will

- Envision and create a painted clown face
  - Use face paint that is appropriate for the circus clown traditions
  - Make up and other materials may be purchase but creative recycling is ideal

- Select face design that fits child’s personality and creates a “circus character”
  - Note: There is a long clown tradition that face paint fits a unique character.
  - Select clown name and character sketch. Set emotional tone thru facial colors, design, features
  - Remember the clown’s face is an important part of the “show”. It tells a visual story.

- Make face design that is fun, comfortable and interactive
  - What does the design communicate about the clown character to the audience?
  - Does the face engage with the audience in a special way? i.e. nose that beeps, floppy ears, long sharp teeth, etc.

What?

Get Ready

- Find examples of clown face painting designs on TV, movies or the web
- Make notes of fun and meaningful design features
- Buy necessary paint, props, hair, ears, nose, etc.
- Make PROJECT PLAN -  Step 1-imagine clown character; 2- face color; 3- lips; 4- hair; eyes; ears, etc.

Time Estimate

- Min. 1 – 2 hrs.

Materials

- Markers, paper, images, etc.
- Make up
- Materials for making a “vision board”
- Face & head materials? Props?
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- Visual-Spatial – face & head colors and designs for circus character traditions (hat, nose, ears, scarf), props
- Intrapersonal – face design matched to child’s personality and preferences and a unique ‘character’?
- Kinesthetic – Does face design encourage facial expressions, gestures and movements for clown act?
- Linguistic – Does clown personality and face design inspire special, amusing dialogue for performance?
- Interpersonal – Does face design facilitate interaction with the audience?

Preparation

Search for examples of circus clown face on TV, in movies on the web. Explore the history of clown characters and how their face designs were essential to their act. Ask friends and family which clowns they like the most or least. See resources.

Can you create a “story” for your clown personality character or feeling matched to exaggerated facial features?

PROJECT PLAN

Get ready! Review the Brainstorming Packet for Topic 4 & examples of clown faces.

Step 1. On a blank piece of paper write key words describing your character that will guide your design: happy, sad, silly, scary, fierce, etc. Imagine the shape of your face to help you decide which of your sketches will work the best for your unique face and your clown character. Using a few blank face silhouettes quickly sketch and color a few of your ideas.

Step 2. Make a vision board to help finalize your face paint design plan.

Step 3. Pick your favorite sketch and create your final version—on the paper and perhaps on your own face!

Tip: Think about the use of symmetry, color & bold colors to create a powerful face

Follow up and Extensions: Change your clown’s character (i.e., from happy to sad; silly to serious) and experiment with different face designs to show this expression.
parent should **not** provide an evaluation or grade of the child’s face design but instead the child can be queried on the process of creating / performing in the clown actor.

*What did you do?*

*What stands out for you about this activity?*

*What surprises you?*

*What would you do differently, if you were to do it again?*

*What would you like to do next?*
See Samples in Examples and Templates.

How to draw caricatures or cartoons https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qxKe6kIFiE0

- Face Painting for Clowns https://www.clownantics.com/blogs/clownantics-blog/face-painting-for-clowns
- Beginner face paint instruction https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EEr6VB5RQoY
- Clown Makeup tutorial https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=785JxFvzOOI
- Clown Makeup https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yFZxtGQnZh0
- How to Face Paint a Clown https://www.wikihow.com/Face-Paint-a-Clown

Tip: Community Connections. Is there anyone in your family, neighborhood or community child can talk with about circus?

Class Equivilents / Main Skills

- Art (Drawing, conceptualizing)
- Drama (Costume & character design)
  
  English (Literacy, composition)
- Investigate different aspects of a project (CCSSW7)

EXAMPLES / MODELS