

SUMMER SOLSTICE

A CREATIVE PROJECT HIGHLIGHTING THE FIRST DAY OF SUMMER

GRADES: Pre-K - 1ST

BASED ON



A finished solstice sun project

OBJECTIVES

- Students will create a mixed media work of art by combining different materials.
- Students will learn about the first day of summer and the wonders of nature.
- Students will be able to create their own "sunny" sun.

CONCEPT

Students will be creating a mixed media work of art that depicts the Sun. They will use a paper plate, paper streamers, tempera fingerpaint, and string to create a vibrant and happy sun. The class will learn about the change in season when Summer begins.

MATERIALS

Paper plates, tempera fingerpaint, paper streamer, marker, glue and string.

VOCABULARY

Mixed Media – the use of various materials or artmaking techniques in a work of art.

Summer – the warmest season of the year, that follows spring.

Warm Colors – reds, oranges, yellows. Hues that remind us of the sun or make us feel warm.

PROCEDURE

Pre-class Prep:

- Cut the string, which will allow them to hang their happy suns.
- Cut 4 strips of paper streamers for each student, to make the rays of sunlight.
- Put dollops of tempera paint on a plastic plate.

Artmaking Activity:

- Students will begin gluing the strips of paper streamers on the back of their plates.
- Students will then begin to paint with tempera fingerpaints using their fingers or brushes. Students can use yellow and orange to create patterns.
- After the paint has dried students can add a face to their sun with a black marker.

NATIONAL STANDARDS

K.2 CR - Engage in self-directed play with various materials.

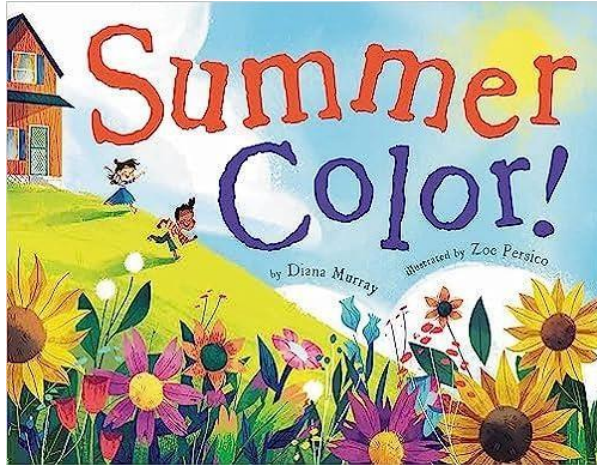
1.2 PE- Engage with materials and tools to develop art-making skills.

EXAMPLES OF STUDENT WORK

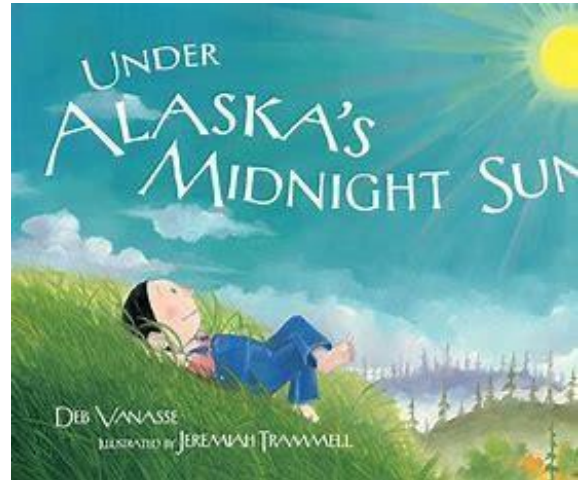


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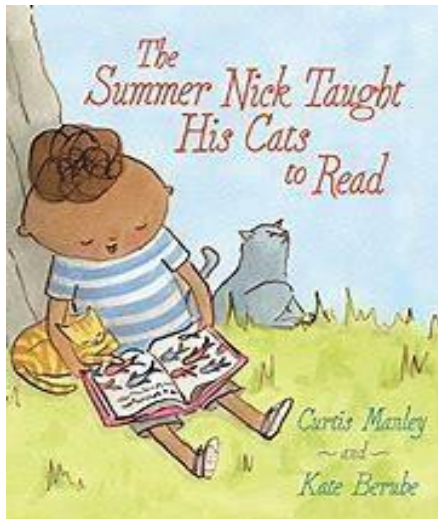
Use these books to guide the lesson and add more connections to the students' artmaking.



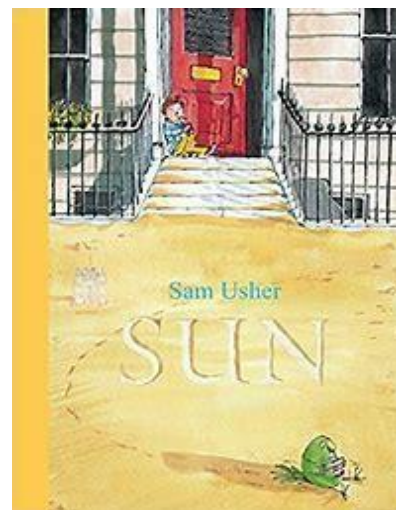
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Under Alaska's Midnight Sun By: Deb Vanasse



The Summer Nick Taught His Cats to Read
By: Curtis Manley



Sun By: Sam Usher