



GIVING TREE GRADES KINDERGARTEN TO GRADE 1

Give thanks to a tree in your community by surrounding it with meaningful art.

WHAT YOU'LL LEARN:

- Reflect on the importance of trees.
- Express their feelings and appreciation for trees artistically.
- Create art forms from imagination, symbolizing verbal appreciation to gain creative confidence

CURRICULUM OUTCOMES:

- Students will explore and manipulate a range of materials to create artworks that express their feelings, ideas, and understandings

MATERIALS:

- Index cards or simply cut papers into rectangles
- Hole punch
- String to tie onto the index cards
- Coloured markers or other art and craft supplies
- Yarn or string to wrap around the tree.

This is an individual or group outdoor activity, it can be done in outdoor spaces of the school, home, backyard, or nearby parks/trails

WHAT TO DO:

1. Start the session by discussing the importance of trees.
2. Discuss features of trees and their types depending on their level.
3. Educator can start the activity by demonstrating the creation of some artwork based on an appreciation aspect of trees. It could be a written word, an image drawn, or a 3D craft expression. However, it must be linked to a verbally expressed gratitude for trees.
4. Next, punch a hole in the index cards and tie a string through them.
5. Lastly, tie your work of art to a tree. For this, wrap a string or yarn around the tree. Students can go up to the tree and attach their artwork to the yarn.



6. It is vital to let the creative expression take flight. This can be facilitated by asking the correct questions and to avoid letting the educator's demonstration limit the student's sights. Therefore, the educator's expression must be as authentic as can be. Let the student use their imagination and creativity. Assist the students whenever they need help.
7. Students can talk about their gratitude and visual expression in a group sharing.

ASSESSMENT:

- Children are able to list down the main benefits of trees and how they relate to life on earth.
- Learners are able to relate the benefits of trees to themselves and their immediate environment by expressing their gratitude how tree benefit them personally.
- Learners are able to express gratitude through artistic expression through art and craft materials available.

EXTENSION:

- This visual art expression can be modified to include a performing art expression, like telling/acting out a story, reading/writing a poem or singing/writing a song

CREDIT/REFERENCES:

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