

Overview of K5 Art projects based on Children's Literature

Annie and the Wild Animals – Jan Brett

Concept- drawing, borders (frames)

Project- Use a 2 in. strip of card stock to make and 2 in. border around all four sides of a piece of drawing paper. In the center draw you and a pet you have, had, or wish to have. Decorate the borders. Use variety. Color using colored pencils or crayons.

Bears on Wheels-- Stan and Jan Berenstain

Concept- tracing, creative drawing

Project- trace a circle on a paper multiple times. Make each circle into a different round object (wheel, clock, apple, etc.) using crayons.

Caps for Sale – Esphyr Slobodkina



Concept- color mixing (if using paint or ice cubes) paper craft
Project- Cap- Cut 2-3 ft. circle of newsprint. Decorate (perhaps use ice cube painting- freeze diluted paint in ice cube tray. Insert stick for handle before freezing.) Place and smooth down on child's head. Tape around the forehead to the nape of the neck. Roll up edges to make brim.

Changes, Changes – Pat Hutchins

Concept- Collage; gluing; shape; cutting

Project- Cut out shapes that have been copied (basic block shapes as in book.) Glue to 9x12 construction paper to make a creative large shape.

Colors of Creation- Thomas Paul Thigpen



Concept- group project (bulletin board,) colors, God created color

Project.- Cut pictures from old seed catalogs and magazine of things God created in the basic six colors and glue them to the matching displayed sheets of paper.

An Early American Christmas –Tomie dePaola



Concept- Silhouette shapes; paint

Project- "Decorate" cookie shapes out of construction paper or card stock using paint in small squirt bottles. Alternate- use markers.

Flying – Donald Crews



Concept- Tracing; cutting; coloring; background

Project- Make a picture that will finish the sentence from the book "Flying over _____" Encourage variety. Cut pieces (2 hot dog shapes and a bump) and glue in place unto onto a light blue background to look like an airplane. Then cut more shapes to make what it is flying over.



The Foot Book –Dr. Suess

Concept- Imaginary vs. real characters; drawing; background (setting); coloring

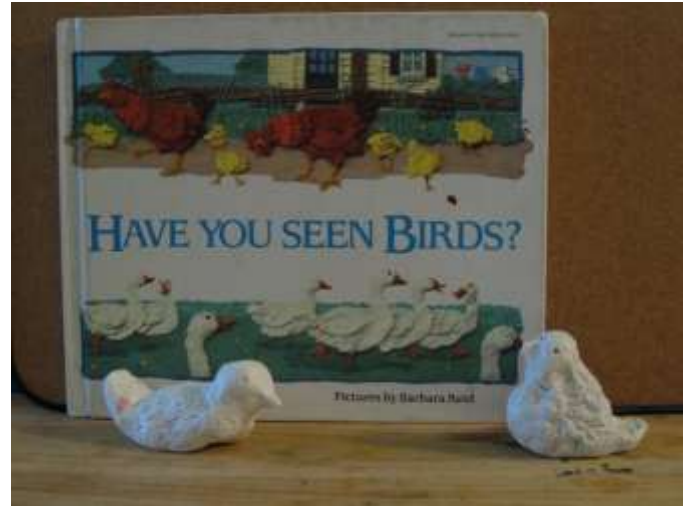
Project- Draw a make believe character with funny feet. Then put it in a setting by drawing a background for it. Go over the pencil drawing with marker and then color.

The Hat – Jan Brett

Concept-drawing

Project- Draw a hedgehog. Follow directions at www.janbrett.com.

Have you Seen Birds – Patricia Opperhouse, Barbara Reid



Concept- Molding; forming

Project- Use a simple clay material to form a bird shape. Start with a potato shape. Squeeze at the neck area to separate head and body. Flatten end for tail. Squeeze a tiny bit out for beak. When dry, can be painted.

I Can't Said the Ant – Polly Cameron

Concept- Drawing (think before you draw-ask questions)

Project- Use red marker (to imitate book) to draw simple pictures such as those in the book- ant, teakettle, ax, goblet. Ask questions such as: What shape(s)? How many? What size are the shapes? What other details are there? THEN draw, asking yourself the questions again.

Is that you Winter? Stephen Gammell



Concept- Collage; tearing; cutting; spray from trigger bottle

Project- Tear shape for ground. Cut shapes for snowman. Use marker dots for face and buttons. Spray thin white paint for snow.

It Looked Like Spilt Milk -- Charles Shaw



Concept- Paint; shape

Project- Paint a white "cloud" in a shape (such as the ones in the books) on a dark blue piece of construction paper.

Little Blue and Little Yellow -Leo Lionni



Concept- Color mixing

Project- Gluing tissue colored acetate to white paper overlapping to mix the colors Alternate idea- Paint with ice cubes! Add small amount of red, yellow, or blue food coloring or paint to water and freeze in ice cube trays. Add a craft stick before freezing. Make some of each color. Paint with the cubes. As they melt, the colors blend and mix. Watch out for ripping wet paper.

The Little House- Virginia Lee Burton



Concept- creative drawing, background surroundings, drawing up off the bottom of the paper

Project- draw a house in the center of the paper. Then draw and color the surrounding area in a season (spring, summer, fall, winter)

Millions of Cats – Wanda Gag

Concept- drawing, black and white

Project- use black marker to draw cat faces on white paper. Think and ask questions before drawing. What shapes, what size, how many , etc.

Night is Coming - W. Nikola, Jamichael Henterly



Concept- Realistic art; construction paper crayons; observation (sky color)

Project- Use colors on dark paper scarecrow in a field similar to the one in the book. Think of shapes (circle, rectangle, skinny rectangles) needed for the body parts.

Owl Moon- Jane Yolen



Concept- paper 3D sculpture

Project- Stuff small paper bag with wadded paper. Fold top corners to make point. Fold down to form owl face. Staple. Cut and glue shapes to finish owl.

Swimmy – Leo Lionni



Concept- Paint; stamping (printing)

Project- Decorate a light blue paper with crayons to look under water but no fish. Stamp with red paint and a fish shaped sponge, a school of fish. Stamp on black fish for Swimmy.

The Relatives Came –Cynthia Rylant, Stephen Gammell



Concept- Watercolors; drawing

Project- Draw a bunch of grapes. Ask questions (shape, size, arrangement) to guide the drawing. Add leaves and vine. Use purple and green watercolors to add color. Use proper watercolor rules (cleaning brush between colors, etc.)

Tomorrow's Alphabet – George Shannon, Donald Crews



Concept- drawing

Project- Design your own "tomorrow" illustration for an alphabet letter. Follow the pattern in the book, but make up your own. (This is a hard project for K but very rewarding when they "get it." It is very good for older classes.)

The Story about Ping – Marjorie Flack

Concept- Drawing; colored pencils- mixing color; observing and reproducing color (i.e.- what color is water?); background (setting)

Project- Draw a picture from the story. Include the setting. Use colored pencils to finish.

The Valentine Bears – Jan Brett

Concept- Cutting a folded half shape to make a symmetric whole shape.

Project- Make a valentine. Fold paper in half. Draw a 2 shape (without the bottom line) on the fold. Keep folded and cut out. Unfold. (It is surprising how many K students have never experienced this and panic thinking it will never be right.)

The Very Hungry Caterpillar –Eric Carle



Concept- Collage; paint brush usage; tracing; cutting

Project- Paint a white piece of paper green. When dry, trace & cut many circles from it. Glue to another piece of paper to make a caterpillar. Add wiggle eyes and details using crayon.