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Craft Projects
Operation StoryBook Read-a-Thon 2009
Target Day – Friday, September 11

Featured Story: “The Archer and The Sun” by Rob Cleveland

Long ago, there were many suns in the sky and the world was miserably hot. The people asked the best archer in the land to shoot down many of the suns, leaving one in the sky. The remaining sun was afraid of the archer and hid behind a mountain, leaving the world cold and dark. Soon the people wanted the sun to come back, but it would take curiosity to lure the sun out from hiding. This classic story from China tells why the sun comes up in the morning and goes down at night, as well as why a certain farm animal is there every morning to loudly greet the sun. ***You can see an online animated version of “The Archer and The Sun” at www.storycove.com.*** ***You’ll need to register or log in (it’s free), then go to “Our Stories.” Look for “The Archer and The Sun” under the stories from Asia.***

Handprint Keepsake (Infants, Toddler One)

Supplies: Fingerprint Poem, one per child
File folder, one per child
Hard surface (book or table)
Washable, nontoxic paint
Pie pan
Paintbrush
Baby wipes
Sharpie marker
Optional: Laminate

1. With teacher’s help, prepare a workspace. Depending on the children, the teacher may suggest covering a small table with newsprint and having children sit at the table to make their handprints, or, for smaller infants, one volunteer may be needed to hold the baby while the other makes the handprints.
2. Work with one child at a time.
3. Pour a small amount of paint into the pie pan.
4. Use the paintbrush to paint one of the child’s palms. Press the palm onto a blank space on around the poem.
5. Wash the hand with a baby wipe.
6. Repeat with the other palm.
7. Label the poem with the child’s name and date.
8. Place poems on drying rack. When dry, either laminate or place in file folder for safe keeping in the child’s cubby.

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Handprint Rooster Puppet (Toddler Two, Preschool)

Supplies: Rooster template printed on cardstock, one per child
Blank card stock, one per child
Glue sticks
Scissors
Crayons
Popsicle sticks
Masking tape
Optional: Googly eyes



1. Trace children's hands on a piece of blank card stock.
2. Have children color the beak, eyes, head, wattle (handprint), and comb (handprint)>
3. Cut out the pieces. (Younger children may need adult assistance.)
4. Place the pieces together to form the rooster's head and fasten with glue stick. Don't forget to ask children about the shapes they are using.
5. Tape a popsicle stick to the back of the rooster's head to make a stick puppet.

Handprint Sun (Toddler Two, Preschool)

Supplies: Paper plate
Construction paper – orange, yellow, red
Scissors
Tacky glue or stapler
Crayons, paint, or markers
Paint brush
Optional: Googly eyes, yarn



1. Paint or color the backside of the plate yellow or another sunny color the child chooses.
2. Trace the child's hand on construction paper several times. These are the rays of the sun, so you will probably need about 7 handprints.
3. Cut out the handprints.
4. Glue or staple the handprints to around the rim of the paper plate so that the fingers are pointing out to make the ray's sun.
5. Optional: Add a face to the sun
6. Optional: String the top of the sun with yarn to make a hanger.

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Edible Sun (Toddler Two, Preschool, PreK)

Supplies: Cream cheese
English muffins
Yellow food coloring
Pretzel sticks
Cheerios

1. Mix cream cheese and food coloring
2. Spread on half an English muffin
3. Use pretzel sticks to make sunrays
4. Use cheerios to make a sunny face

Suncatcher (PreK)

Supplies: Orange, yellow, and red cardstock
Corrugated cardboard
Pushpin
Thin string

1. Draw a sun shape on the card stock.
2. Cut out sun.
3. Place the cutout on the cardboard.
4. Use the pushpin to make holes in the cutout, making designs made of straight lines or swirls.
5. Thread a string through the top and hang in front of a window. Watch the sun shine through the design.



Chinese Dragon Lantern (PreK)

Supplies: Template from <http://www.first-school.ws/t/craft/chinese-lantern-b.htm>
(one per child)
Crayons
Scissors
Glue
Tape
staple

1. Cut along the solid lines (—). Note: The large piece with the dragon image will be the lantern and the long strip at the bottom is the lantern's handle.
2. **Color** the dragon image. Optional: draw or add other decorations around the dragons image and borders.
3. **Fold** along the **dotted line (...)** in the **center**. Note: the decorated side should be visible.
4. **Fold** along the **dotted lines** backwards in the **top** and **lower** border.
5. **Carefully cut** along the **slashed lines** (---) from center fold and stop cutting at the border fold.
6. **Open** the lantern template flat



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7. **Apply glue over the area designated "Glue here"** and bring the opposite side and paste over the area with glue.
8. Adjust the cut folds of the lantern to go outward.
9. Glue, staple or tape the lantern's handle.

Sun Painting (Preschool, PreK)

Supplies: Dark construction paper (one sheet per child)
Cardstock (one sheet per child – thin enough that it is easily cut)
Scissors
Cookie cutters
Pencils
Crayons, glitter, stickers, etc.
Optional: weights or stones

1. Have children trace the cookie cutters (or their hands, or other classroom items) onto the cardstock.
2. Cut out the tracing.
3. Take a sheet of construction paper and the cutout outside to a spot with strong sunlight, and where wind or other disturbances are unlikely to disrupt the artwork. Place the construction paper on the ground or other level, sunlit surface, and place the cutout on top of the construction paper. If needed, please a stone or other weight on top of the cutout to hold it in place.
4. Wait a few hours and check. Has the construction paper faded so that the outline of the cutout is now visible? If not, leave it in the sun for a while longer.
5. Decorate the final artwork.
6. Discuss with the child. This is why we wear sunblock to protect our skin! The sun's UV rays are so strong they can actually change the color of paper!

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