Lesson Title Blowing our worries away Medium Visual Arts

Curricular Unit Calming Technique: Breathing Lesson #

Lesson Goals

Socio-emotional Impulse control: Demonstrate calming technique

Artistic Elements of Visual Arts: • color • form/shape • line • space • texture • value

Academic Describe people, places, things, and events with relevant details, expressing ideas and feelings

clearly.

Lesson Details (45 minutes total)

Opening Routine

Time:

To help create routine and sooth anxiety, every class should begin with the same activity. Consider creating an opening routine that allows students to move, incorporates rhythm, and invites students to offer something (a dance move, a clapped rhythm, a silly sound) that is repeated back by either just one other person or by the whole group.

Warm Up

Combined with Lesson Intro

Time:

Lesson Intro

Worry Monsters

Time: 10 mins



- 1. Pour a puddle of liquid water color onto a square of paper
- 2. Using a straw, blow the water color paint out and away from the center of the puddle to create limbs and tentacles
- 3. Repeat to create a few more "monsters"
- 4. Once dry, add googly eyes or draw faces with markers.

Brain break

Time:

Choose a brain break in the moment. Brain break used will determine whether the energy of the room becomes energized, calmed, or focused.

Main Lesson

Time: 20 mins

Flowering Branches



- 1. Pour a line of brown, black, or green paint onto the paper and have students repeat the process of blowing the paint through the straw to create smaller branches from the main branch. Allow to drv.
- 2. Pour desired color of liquid water color paint into cup with a squirt of dish soap and water. Stir mixture and then blow into the mixture with a straw until colored bubbles come just above the surface of the cup.
- 3. Place practice paper over cup and press gently to create a print of the colored bubbles. Once students are comfortable with the process, they can print flowers onto their branch painting.

Cool down/Closing

Time:

Similar to the opening routine, your closing should be the same activity each day as an expected way to signal the end of the class and transition to what comes next.

Materials

liquid water color, water color paper, straws, dish soap, water, cups, googly eyes, markers

Lesson Rubric	Developing (1)	Adequate (2)	Excellence (3)	
Social/Emotional Skill				

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Impulse control: Demonstrate calming technique	Students were able to demonstrate calming technique with prompting from teacher	Students were able to demonstrate calming technique using strategies demonstrated by the teacher	Students were able to independently demonstrate calming techniques
Artistic Skill			
Elements of Visual Arts: • color • form/shape • line • space • texture • value	Students were able to successfully mimic the element as demonstrated by the instructor	Students were able to demonstrate requested elements without supplied example	Students were able to identify elements within either their own works or works of others
Academic Skill			
Describe people, places, things, and events with relevant details, expressing ideas and feelings clearly.	Students were able to express ideas with simplistic language	Students were able to adequately express ideas with a mix of general and precise language	Students were able to effectively express ideas with precise language

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