



Art Integration in After School Arts

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Why is integrating art within a virtual lesson important?

With Covid sending students to do their schooling at home, many students have been lacking the arts aspect within their education. Research indicates that the arts facilitate learning effectively. Not only this, but the arts has also helped students develop different skills such as motor, language, social, and decision making. So why aren't we using art more within our classrooms and after school programs to help benefit our students? I decided to use art to help engage in learning.



How was the lesson set up?

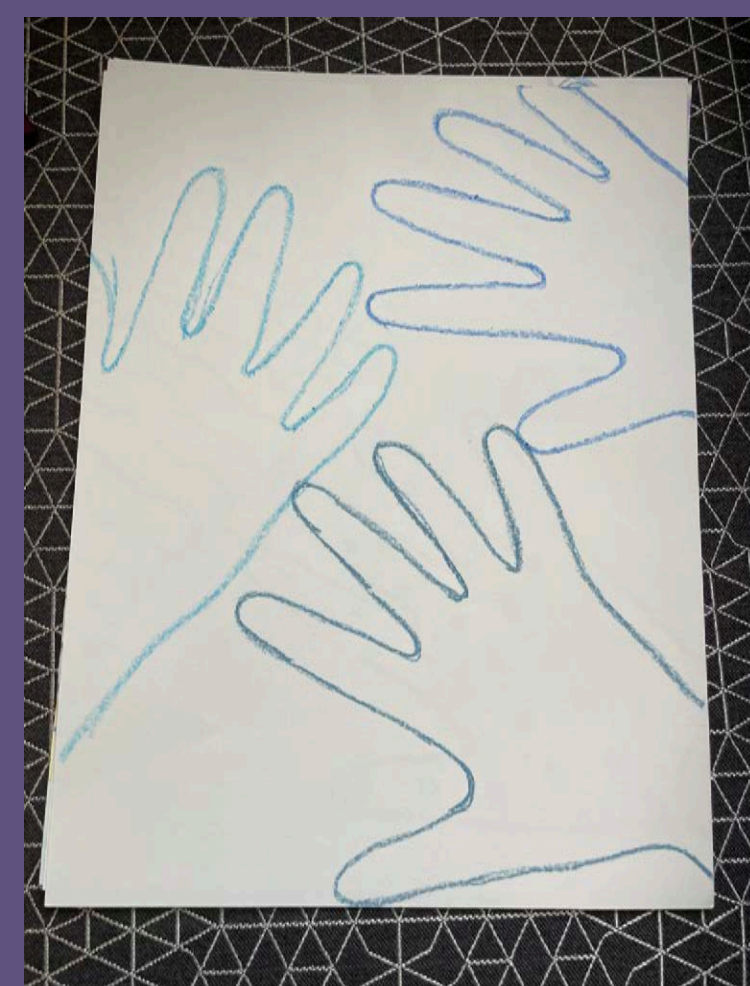
Before the class, students watched a video I created and uploaded to YouTube. The video explained the procedures of the activity. Throughout the video I modeled the artwork by doing it and showing them in the video. Then when the students finished the video and began their activity, I was on zoom to guide students through the steps and to answer any question they may have had.



Did students stay engaged?

Although it was hard to tell if all students were staying engaged since I was on zoom and they were face-to-face, by what I could see most if not all students were. When I asked students questions, they were able to answer. Students also showed me their artwork as they finished each step. This allowed me to see that students were understanding the video and engaging with it to complete the activity.

How to make a watercolor/ crayon handprint artwork



1. Draw 3-7 handprints with crayons on your watercolor paper



2. Using crayons, draw patterns into each of your handprints



3. Using watercolors, go over your drawings with different colors to fill the page