Activities

Vegetable Faces: A Guiseppe Archimboldo Portrait Study

Grades: PreK–K

Overview

As part of the Meet Your Vegetables thematic lesson plan, children create vegetable portraits like the Italian painter..

Materials

- an assortment of vegetables
- drawing paper
- colored pencils
- scissors
- black Sharpie markers
- glue
- black construction paper (about 11" X 17"), one sheet per child
Set Up and Prepare

- These websites provide color copies of some of the Guiseppe Archimboldo images.
  http://www.artcyclopedia.com/artists/archimboldo_giuseppe.html

Directions

Gather children together and share some of the Guiseppe Archimboldo images. Have a discussion about what the artist used to create his faces. Explain that children will have the opportunity to create similar faces.

Use a Sharpie to demonstrate how to draw the outline of a vegetable. Use colored pencils to color the vegetable drawings before cutting them out. After washing their hands, give children the opportunity to arrange the vegetables to create faces.

After they've had a chance to experiment with vegetable faces, children can arrange their vegetable drawings on a sheet of black paper to create a portrait. Once they are satisfied with their face, they can glue the drawings to the paper.

Have sample face collages posted around the room to serve as visual cues for the project. Use toothpicks with attached facial features to create individual Mr. Potato Heads.

Lesson Extensions

- Have children write a grocery list of the vegetables they used in their collage.
- Try using fruits to perform the same activity.

Assignments

- Make a list of the vegetables used in the face collage.
- Create a "vegetable face" using Play-Doh.

Subjects: Cooking, Arts and Creativity, Following Directions