



**SOUTH DAKOTA STATE
UNIVERSITY EXTENSION**



Cloverbud Fun Zone

Hands-on Activities

Watercolor Fish Craft

Materials Needed:

- Coffee filters
- Watercolors
- Clear elastic bands, small
- White pen or marker
- Googly eyes, small
- Glue

Instructions:

Step 1: Begin by flattening a coffee filter. Place in a sheet pan to contain the paint.

Step 2: Start using watercolors to paint the coffee filters in whatever pattern you'd like.

Step 3: Let the coffee filters dry completely (hang to dry).

Step 4: Once dry, bring the coffee filter together in the middle, with one end slightly longer than the other.

Step 5: Use elastic to wrap around the coffee filter.

Step 6: Unfold and shape the coffee filter so that the shorter end resembles a fish tail and the front forms a fish body.

Step 7: Draw a simple circle with a white pen or marker toward the front of the fish for a mouth.

Step 8: Adhere a googly eye.

Tye Die Bookmarks

Materials Needed:

- Plastic vinegar jug (or similar opaque jug i.e. milk jug, juice jug)
- Sharpie fine-tip permanent markers
- Rubbing alcohol (it must be 99% isopropyl, a weaker strength will not work)
- Medicine dropper or pipette
- Ribbon, twine or cording
- Button or decorative bead
- Scissors
- Hole punch

Instructions:

Step 1: Prior to the meeting, trace an outline of a bookmark on the plastic jug with a pencil. Using a pair of kitchen shears, cut it out.

Step 2: Color the bookmarks. Using a variety of bright colors, cover your entire bookmark with your Sharpies. There's no right or wrong way to do this.

Step 3: Fill the dropper/pipette with rubbing alcohol, and drip small drops onto your bookmark. You can tap your dropper against your bookmark - that will deposit tiny amounts of alcohol on to the plastic, or you can just drip the alcohol randomly over the ink.

Step 4: Let the bookmark dry. Then hole punch a hole at the top and tie a ribbon through the hole.

Ice Breakers

Find Four

Instructions:

Step 1: Students are given a card broken out into different squares with instructions in each square (you will create cards with Find Four Members who have brown hair, glasses, a brother, etc.)

Step 2: Each instruction tells them to “find four” classmates who meet different criteria such as “find four classmates who have a dog.”

Step 3: It’s up to your students to wander the room and ask their peers questions about themselves to see if they can “find four!”

Step 4: Students can write the names of their “four” in the boxes, a great way to help kids commit new names to memory.

Service Project Idea

Bus Driver Appreciation Kits

Materials Needed (suggested):

- Hand sanitizer
- Life saver
- Skittles
- Gum
- Cellophane bags
- Ribbon

Instructions:

Create tags for kits prior to meeting with: “You open the door every morning for learning, thank you!” Members can assemble items for kits and color tags. Have members deliver to bus drivers.