

Designing Cards with Rollers and Paint!



The children participated in a fun activity this past week, where they designed cards with rollers and paint. I set up a table in the art area of the classroom with instruction cards, paper, three trays with yellow, red and blue paint, as well as three foam paint rollers. The children chose one paint color or all three paint colors, painted one side of their card, and folded the paper together. The same design transferred onto the other side of the paper, and their creative design appeared on both sides. Some of the children added paint to their pictures, after unfolding their card.

During this art activity, I wanted the children to learn multiple concepts. The set up of the activity, allowed the children to follow instructions by looking at the individual steps and completing the activity with little assistance. The children also experimented with mixing the colors and creating new colors, such as orange, purple, and green. In addition to those concepts the children learned the concept of symmetry by seeing their pictures transfer from one side of the paper to the other side. While assisting the children, I asked questions that would help the children plan what they were going to do, think about their picture and to share what they created. Many of the children shared what they created by naming the colors and what they saw in their picture.



Creative art allows children to learn through meaningful activities, in which subjects are integrated. Children can express their own ideas in their own way without the influence of the teacher, explore with a wide variety of materials, and make their own discoveries. Art also allows children to work on all domains of development because children work on deeper thinking skills, fine motor skills, language development, and their emerging literacy skills. Children can relate their learning experiences to the real world, as well as build on previous knowledge when

engaging in creative art projects.

I enjoyed working with the children! The children were enthusiastic and eager to complete the activity and they produced some beautiful artwork!