WANGARI'S TREE OF PEACE

SYNOPSIS

This is the true story of how Wangari grew up in Kenya in a village surrounded by trees. When she came back from studying abroad, she is shocked and sad to see that there are no more trees in Kenya because of all the buildings. She starts a project with the women to plant new baby trees. This becomes famous and women started to do it all over Africa!

LESSON'S AND OBJECTIVES

Explain to the children the importance to have trees, without them humans, animals and the planet cannot survive. When you cut down a tree for something, it is important to replace it with a new one. Encourage them to to think of ways they can help the environment.

MATERIALS NEEDED:

- Ribbons
- Scissors
- Sticks
- Strings
- Nylon Stockings
- Soil
- Seed
- Googly Eyes
- Glue
- Green Felt
- Red Felt
- Cups
- Earbuds
- Paint
- A4 paper

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. How did Wangari grow up? What was it like?
3. What had changed when she came back to Kenya?
4. What did she do and other women do?
5. How did the other men and authorities react? What happened to Wangari? Did that stop the project?
6. Do you think there are enough trees where you live?

ACTIVITIES:

1. Vocab - Rolling Words
2. Ribbon Tree
3. Grass head
4. Dot Paintings

DAY 2

RIBBON TREE

LESSON FOCUS

Today the children will make a ribbon tree to remind them of what Wangari did.

LESSON'S AND OBJECTIVES

- Ribbons
- Scissors
- Sticks
- Strings

Instructions

- Give each child a stick.
- Cut out pieces of the different ribbon. Tie the ribbon around the stick to make a tree. The bows at the bottom must be bigger and then get smaller as they go up. They will need to cut the ribbons to do this.
- Use the string to tie around the stick.

DAY 3

GRASS HEADS

LESSON FOCUS

Today the children will make a ribbon tree to remind them of what Wangari did. We will be using the stockings for a few grass heads so they will need to tie it on both sides.

LESSON'S AND OBJECTIVES

- Nylon Stockings
- Soil
- Seed
- Googly Eyes
- Glue
- Green Felt
- Red Felt
- Cups

Instructions

- Tie a nylon stocking and stretch it over the mouth of a wide glass and use a spoon to sprinkle a small handful of grass seed into the stocking.
- Pour in one or two handfuls of soil on top of the grass seed, pushing the soil all the way down to the toe. Take the nylon off of the glass, and knot the other side of the nylon close to the soil to keep the soil in place.
- With the length of leftover nylon hanging downward, glue googly eyes on to the face area and add other facial features. Let the glue dry completely.
- Fill the bowl with water and invert the gnome's head into it for several minutes. This wets the soil and grass seed and gets the seed growing.
- Fill a small paper cup with water. Fip the gnome's head right side up and insert the loose end of the nylon into the cup. Place the gnome where it will get sunlight, and within a week watch for the seed "hair" to sprout!

reference: https://gardentherapy.ca/grassy-garden-gnomes/

DAY 4

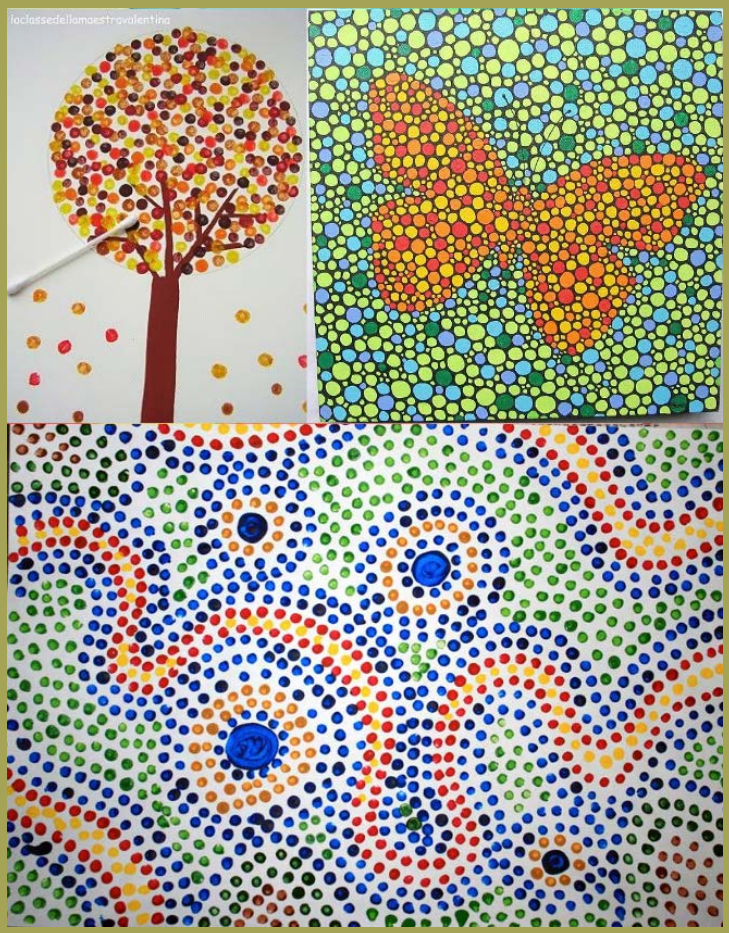
DOT PAINTINGS

LESSON FOCUS

Today you will remind the children that even small acts can make a big difference. The children will make a dot painting. Using a bunch of small dots they will make a beautiful bigger picture.

LESSON'S AND OBJECTIVES

- Earbuds
- Paint
- A4 paper

Instructions

- Read the last page of the book. Explain how the green you can see in Kenya is because of each and every seed. That a small thing can make a big difference. You can talk about how we can do small acts that make the world better.
- The craft today is going to be making a painting out of small dots to remind us that small things can make up a big beautiful picture.
- Lay out the paints and the ear-buds. The children must use the earbuds to make small dots which make up a beautiful painting. See Examples for inspiration.