

Just Add Water: Papier mâché Balloons

Objectives

- Students will engage in water usage discussions
- Students will explore their own water usage
- Students will use papier mâché to illustrate the number of gallons of water used per person per day in the USA

Grade Levels: 2nd-4th

Terms and Vocabulary:

Installation Art

Resources

This [site](#) talks about average water usage.

Materials

Tissue paper, balloons, glue/water mix, newspaper

Procedures

1. Discuss installation art and show students examples (Artists: Sandy Skoglund, Ai Weiwei, Christo and Jeanne-Claude, Kara Walker).
2. Introduce papier mâché as the medium you'll work with to illustrate something having to do with water usage in our country/the world/your community.
3. Allow students to generate ideas. EX: show the number of gallons the average US citizen uses in a day, etc.
4. Blow up balloons ahead of time. Use small container of glue mixed with water and strips of newspaper to cover balloon with 1-2 layers.
5. Add 1-2 layers using colorful strips of tissue paper.

