

Family Collage

Levels: Preschool, Primary and above.

The following project is written for preschool and primary groups, but the basic idea can be used at any older level and on any topic, allowing the participants to add elements of their own.

Materials Needed:

9x12 or 12 x 18" sheets of white or colored construction paper (allow 1-2 sheets per student.

Picture magazines, catalogs and/or newspapers showing families, activities (swimming, playing games, reading books, board-games, toys, garden tools, flowers, etc.) and copies of photos showing family members doing things together.

Scissors, paste or glue, markers or crayons

Procedure:

1. In advance: Put all crafts materials on a large table so children can take what they need to get started.
2. Begin with a discussion on families, things they like to do together, anecdotes on what they like to talk about when they are remembering events with their families, etc.
Then ask them to think about how they would like to make a picture of these kinds of things to illustrate their family.
3. Distribute the large sheets of paper, scissors and magazines (children can exchange magazines and pictures that they have examined as they are finished with them).
[Note: It is best to begin by letting them cut out pictures they wish to use, arrange them in groups of things that go together, and then get the other materials they need to paste down their final arrangement.]
4. After completing their collages, let them share with the class the most important things in their collage that tell about their family. Cf. Family Stories