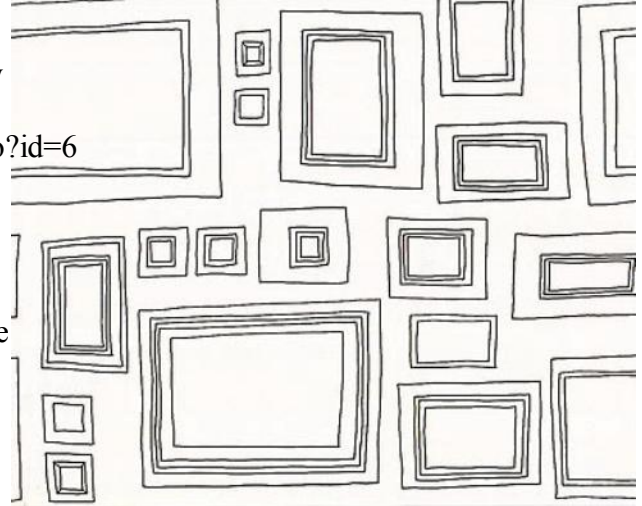


Decorating Ideas for SLP 2009

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--Have different people (adults and/or kids) create one letter for a giant banner spelling out the SLP theme.

--Put up white paper on your walls and allow kids to draw on the paper! For slightly more contained creations, draw frames onto the white paper inspired by this wallpaper and have kids draw within the frames:
<http://www.grahambrown.com/us/store/viewProduct.do?id=6>



--Buy a bunch of frames from a thrift store, paint them all one unifying color and put them up on the wall. Post kid's art in a rotating collection in the frames. You could have a "featured artist of the week" and have several pieces by one kid or just change the art as more contributions arrive. For a quick change idea, try attaching bulldog clips to the wall or the frame. (see Family Fun, Oct. 2008, p. 100 for an illustration of this idea.)

--"Wet Stone" art:

you need— a slate tile (or other stone tile that turns dark when wet)
envelope moisteners with a sponge tip (available at office supply stores)
an easel

Fill the envelope moistener with water and set the slate on the easel. Allow kids to "draw" on the slate with water. When the water dries, the slate is clear for the next ephemeral masterpiece!

--Paper Doll Chains—cut paper doll chains using a die-cut machine with the paper not quite reaching to the edge of the hands (so that they will still be connected). Allow kids to decorate the dolls using markers/crayon/paper/fabric/wallpaper samples/yarn, etc. Connect the dolls into a longer chain and hang it around the library!

--Flannel Poetry

You need: A large piece of flannel or a large flannelboard
White felt
Markers

Write words (large!) onto white felt and cut out rectangles (like Magnetic Poetry). Mount the flannel onto the wall and allow kids to rearrange the felt words on the flannel to create original poems.

If you'd like a list of words to choose from, here are some online resources:

<http://familycrafts.about.com/library/color/bltopwords.htm>

http://www.genuineclass.com/ex_magpoetry.html

--Wooden poseable drawing figures make great props for a book display. In addition to being art-related, you could also pose them in different clothes—ballerina tutu for dancing, give them a microphone or a musical instrument for music, put them in a costume for drama