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Easy

Computer

Activities for Kids

2nd Edition

The following pages contain a sample activity from the book.



Chinese Lantern

Grade Level:

- K
- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5
- 6

Content Area:

- Math
- Language Arts
- Social Studies
- Science
- Cross Curricular

Multiple Intelligences:

- Verbal / Linguistic
- Logical / Mathematical
- Spatial
- Bodily / Kinesthetic
- Musical
- Interpersonal
- Intrapersonal
- Naturalist

CD-ROM Templates:

- 15lantern.doc - Microsoft Word
- 15lantern.cwk - AppleWorks

Overview:

In this activity, students will use a painting or drawing program to create a design and print on a full sheet of paper. Then they will cut and fold to create a Chinese lantern.

Software:

Windows - Paint (Start -- Programs -- Accessories -- Paint); KidPix; PowerPoint
 Macintosh - AppleWorks Paint or Draw; Kid Pix; or other paint/draw program
NOTE - Any program that provides drawing tools and prints on a full sheet of paper will do!

ISTE Standards:

- Students use technology tools to enhance learning, increase productivity, and promote creativity.
- Students develop positive attitudes toward technology uses that support lifelong learning, collaboration, personal pursuits, and productivity.

Web Resources:

My Web 3000 - <http://www.myweb3000.com/Lantern.html>
 Chinese New Year - <http://www.kidsdomain.com/holiday/chineseny.html>

The Teacher's Role:

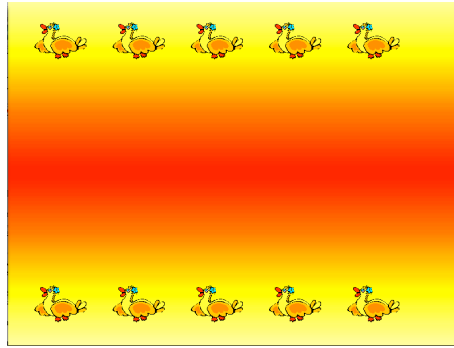
1. The teacher will provide resources about the Chinese New Year and the significance of the lantern.
2. The teacher will demonstrate how to use a painting or drawing program to add colors and designs so that it will print on a full sheet of paper.
3. The teacher will provide an example and will show students how to fold, cut, and finish their lanterns.



Student Instructions:

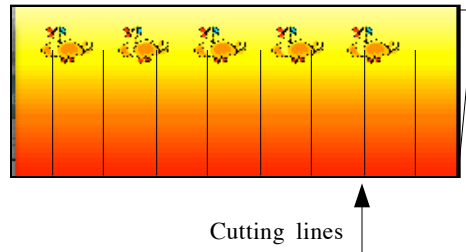
On the computer:

1. Open a painting or drawing program.
2. Turn the page so that it will print sideways (horizontal).
In most programs you'll find this option by pulling down the **File** menu to **Page Setup**.
3. Use the drawing tools to add a design to the page.
4. Add clip art and text if you want!
5. SAVE and Print.
6. If your printer doesn't print in color, you may want to print onto colored paper and/or use markers or crayons to color your picture.



Creating the lantern:

1. Fold the page in half (like a hot dog bun).
2. Use your scissors to cut slits about every 2 inches.
Do NOT cut all the way through - stop about an inch before the top!
3. Carefully open the page.
4. Hold the page at the top with one hand on each side.
5. Curl the top corners towards each other to form a circle (the lantern top).
6. Use tape, glue, or a staple to hold the corners together.
7. Repeat with the bottom.
8. Add a handle.
9. Hang from the ceiling or doorways.



Extensions:

- To conserve printer ink, students could create miniature lanterns. Follow the same instructions, but just create on a smaller scale.
- Students could type a poem on their lantern before printing it.
- Before creating the lanterns, students could compare American and Chinese New Year celebration customs.

