

Art Activity: TRACING

March 31st – April 14th

Tracing helps develop fine motor skills. It helps students gain control of their arm, hand and finger movements. For little ones it is the beginning of their muscle memory to form letters, numbers, shapes, and etc. Tracing for students can help them translate what they see three dimensionally, to a two-dimensional drawing. Therefore becoming better artists. Tracing also helps the brain retain information and grow. Some people might say tracing is cheating but when used occasionally it helps them grow artistically. In my opinion it is no more cheating than using a math equation to solve a problem (sorry to my math friends).

Tracing is fun! I hope you enjoy the activities. Remember these are just ideas to help guide you. It is more important to me that you use art during this time to relieve any stress and anxiety. All art should be fun and relaxing.

Resources:

<https://rhythmsofplay.com/shadow-art-outdoor-science/>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FyyJDXq-7uU>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=thTZW1MPX4I>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=47UK92Z3T10>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VtqWOSFJ2bE>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Wg8JVgiuNpA>

Ideas:

Trace body on large piece of paper or outside with sidewalk chalk, trace objects around the house, trace toy shadows on paper or on the sidewalk, trace shapes, trace rocks, and etc.



Older students (3-5) can take a picture (animal, celebrity, something from a magazine) tape it to a window and tape a piece of drawing paper on top. Using a writing tool they can trace the image and then decorate the picture any way they want (paint, crayons, markers, and etc).

Note: Younger students can do this too but with a simpler picture such as shapes they are having a hard time drawing.

