Arts Resources

Developing Understanding through the Arts:
999398,DD
JIS 2015

Pivotal Voices Series - A unit for students in grades 5 to 9 that explores the experiences of Ukrainian and other European immigrants to Canada in the late 1800s and early 1900s and the impacts of internment on individuals, families and communities.

Exploring Colours Using A Light Table
999133,KT
P 2016
Created to work with a light table this kit includes colour paddles, Columi a domino games of colours and colour splats.

MaKey MaKey Class Set
999253,KT
PJIS 2017 CANROB
Using the MaKey MaKey you can make anything into a key (get it?) just by connecting a few alligator clips. The MaKey MaKey is an invention kit that tricks your computer into thinking that almost anything is a keyboard. This allows you to hook up all kinds of fun things as an input. For example, play Mario with a Play-Doh keyboard, or piano with fruit!

Important: Desktop computers or Chromebooks required

Please refer to links below for more information.

National Gallery of Art Lessons and Activities
999272,DW
E 2016 NGA
NGA Classroom reinvented. Organized into thematic units, each grade-level-specific lesson plan focuses on a single work of art and can be executed within one to two class periods.

Pezzettino (Little Piece): Measurement and Area
999183,KT
PJ 2016
Pezzettino by Leo Lionni is a great introduction to the concept of area.

Pezzettino lives in a world in which everyone is big and does daring and wonderful things. But he is small, just a “little piece,” which is the meaning of pezzettino in Italian.

Have students listen to the book Pezzettino, which features characters made up of cubes. Students will create their own character (or other shapes) made with cubes, placing the cubes on grid paper. Students will estimate and then count the amount of cubes in their creations.

Pivotal Voices
This series seeks to embed multiple voices in the teaching of history. Since it is impossible and unproductive to try to represent all conceivable perspectives on a given event, we focus on key groups that are likely to differ from one another, and whose stories have not been sufficiently told. The series title—pivotal voices—reflects this approach and our attempts to present various groups’ stories in their own words.

For descriptions see individual titles:

Rhythm Box
999254,MI
P 2016
The Rhythm Box introduces your students to various instruments. It contains:

5 Sound Shapes
2 Rainsticks
1 Tom Boy
1 pair of 5" Cymbals
4 - 3 bell jingle sticks
2 Triangles with metal mallets
1 pair of Maracas
4 pair of Rhythm Sticks
2 Jingle Clogs
2 Guiro Tone Blocks with mallets
1 Tick Tock Block with mallet
2 Tone Blocks with mallets
1 Bongo Drum

Shapes: Jumbo-Sized
999127,KT
P 2016
Understanding shapes is basic to understanding geometry. As students start to identify shapes, they develop a beginning understanding of geometry.

Use this kit to introduce two-dimensional shapes: circle, square, triangle, rectangle, rhombus, and trapezoid.

Set of 66 pieces made from birch plywood in 13 different shapes and 6 colours.

Trapezoid measures 20cm x 10cm (7-3/4” x 4”).

Teaching STEM in the Early Years: Activities for Integrating Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics
999333,BK
E 2013
The foundation for science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) education begins in the early years. This book provides more than ninety activities and learning center ideas that seamlessly integrate STEM throughout early childhood classrooms.

These hands-on STEM experiences enhance cooking, art, and music activities, block play and sensory table exploration, and field trips and outdoor time.

Information on assessment and early learning standards is also provided.