Crazy Clay Fish (K/1st)

Week 1

THIS MONTH'S OBJECTIVES

- learn to make a pinch pot
- understand what it means to "work in the round"
- learn to join clay with the scoring and slip method

MONTHLY PROJECT: Clay Fish sculpture finished with acrylic paint and varnish

PROJECT BENCHMARKS:

WEEK 1: Learn to build a pinch pot using playdoh. Then build in clay.
WEEK 2: Learn how to join clay by slipping and scoring. Add details to your fish and FINISH.
WEEK 3: Paint FINAL POT with paint and varnish
WEEK 4: Complete FINAL POT with paint and varnish

CLASS OUTLINE:

:00 Arrival: Power point presentation (artist: Christy Crews Dunn) and journaling

:05 Introductions and expectations

New month! Introduce anyone new…go over expectations and the space
Class expectations: Have fun, stay safe, respect studio, respect others

:10 Journals

Invite students to share their journal with a neighbor
Invite students to share with the larger group (maybe someone wants to share something cool they saw is someone else's journal!)
Review the posted guidelines for critiquing and giving feedback

:15 Clay handbuilding lesson

This month we're working in clay!
Handbuilding is building without using a wheel
We'll be learning how to make a pinch pot and then turn them into fish
Demonstrate how to make a pinch pot using playdough

:25 Practice

Let everyone practice making pinch pots with the dough

:35 Making the fish heads

Each artist gets a chuck of clay; warm it up in your hands to start
Create a PERFECT pinch pot. Smooth sides.
Carve name (legibly) in the base of the fish

:50 Wrapping up

Clean hands and tables. Close up clay and dough
Recognize students who were great listeners, helpers, critiquers, etc

:00 Dismiss

Say goodbye at the door to both parents and kids!
Work to learn everyone's names!
HAND OUT REMINDERS TO FALL PARTY!

CLEAN UP: ***COVER CLAY COMPLETELY WITH DAMP PAPER TOWELS AND PLASTIC***

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:00 Arrival: Power point presentation (artist: Christy Crews Dunn) and journaling
:05 Design your fish in your journal. Share
:15 Joining Clay Lesson
Teach how to join clay by scoring and slipping
Emphasize how important it is to join properly! Don't get lazy!
:25 Find your fish and being adding your fins, eye balls, etc.
talk about smoothing the clay with wet fingers
Talk about how to add texture and pattern
FISH MUST BE FINISHED TODAY
:50 Sharing time
Invite students to share their finished fishies
:55 Wrapping up
Clean hands and tables
LEAVE CLAY UNCOVERED TO DRY
Double check that the name is still visible on the fish
Remind students to work in their journals
:00 Dismiss
Tell kids and parents -- acrylic paint NEXT TWO weeks!
Say goodbye at the door to both parents and kids!
Work to learn everyone's names!
Reminder - Fall party coming up!

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Week 3

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CLASS OUTLINE:

:00 Arrival: Power point presentation (artist: Christy Crews Dunn) and journaling
:05 Find your clay fish and your design
:10 LESSON - Painting Clay
:20 PAINTING
Use acrylic paints
Aim for complete coverage to protect the clay
"raw" clay should be covered with varnish
:45 SHARING
If time allows, let the students share their fish
:50 Wrapping up
Clean hands and tables
Remind students to work in their journals
:00 Dismiss
Tell kids and parents -- acrylic paint NEXT week!
Say goodbye at the door to both parents and kids!
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Week 4

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CLASS OUTLINE:

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:05 Journals

Invite students to share their journal with a neighbor

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:15 PAINT

Continue to paint until all areas are covered. Some will need a second coat!

Once paint is dry, add a layer of varnish

:45 SHARING

If time allows, let the students share their art work (or hang it on the classroom wall for a "gallery")

:55 Wrapping up

Clean hands and tables

Take pictures of each artist with their finished piece

Invite them to share their work in our student art show in January

:00 Dismiss

Say goodbye at the door to both parents and kids! Next month, INK!

Work to learn everyone's names!