

Hide a secret message that only you will know – until you decide to share it with your friends!

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Friend



Secret Message

Language

AGES 5-8

STEP 1

Distribute art paper, white crayons, paint and paint brushes.

In order to create the secret message, each child will need only paper and a white crayon. Because the paper will be moistened later during the process, heavy art paper is recommended.




This activity takes approximately 20 minutes.

Materials

Colorations® Regular Crayons - white

Colorations® Perfect Art Paper Pack - white art paper

Colorations® Liquid Watercolor in various colors

Spray bottles or brushes

STEP 2

Write an invisible message on the white paper using the white crayon.



While the white crayon is difficult to see on white paper, by repositioning the paper in the light children will be able to see their marks in order to check for accuracy. Messages may be anything from simple words to more complex sentences, though children may find it easier to observe large letters rather than small letters when checking their accuracy.



STEP 3

Spray or paint the entire paper with Liquid Watercolor™.

Children may enjoy trading secret messages to reveal, revealing their own messages or revealing messages as a group. When they are ready to reveal their secret messages, lightly spray or paint a layer of any color of Liquid Watercolor™ on the paper. For more elaborate reveals, use multiple colors of paint on the paper.



STEP 4



The message will magically appear.

As the children apply paint to the paper, the crayon will resist the watercolor, leaving the secret message white while the rest of the paper is painted in the color of choice. This technique of painting is called a crayon resist method. Once the papers are painted and the messages are revealed, allow the paper to dry.

Language Outcomes:

- Writing sentences with correct punctuation
- Spelling
- Letter recognition

Art is a colorful way to learn language arts!

Classroom Tips:

Extensions: Students can write secret messages to one another and place them in a mailbox. The receiving student can spray the paper with Liquid Watercolor™ in order to discover the secret message.

Vocabulary: sentence, spelling, punctuation, secret, resist

