



Integrating Early Literacy and the Arts

Activities:

Paper Cutout

Pen and Ink

Watercolor

Oil & Acrylic

Cartooning

Famous Artist:

Henri Matisse

Pablo Picasso

J.M. W Turner

Vincent Van Gogh

Charles Shultz

Visual Art can help children become better learners, provide a way for them to express thoughts, feelings, and hopes, and expand their creativity and imagination.

When exploring art in any form with your child he or she is learning how to analyze concepts of space, color, line, perspective and interpret ideas and meanings about art and the world. You will also have the opportunity to teach your child the reasons and rewards for hard work and completing goals.

Included in each creativity packet you will find helpful ideas and fun art projects to share with your child.

These activities are designed to teach your child about art, provide an outlet through which your child can express his or her feelings and ideas, as well as open communication between you and your child. These activities are not meant to teach criticism therefore, always remember art with your child is about process not product.

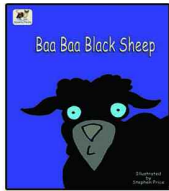
We invite you and your child on a journey to learn how art can help you see the world in new and amazing ways.

Cartoons

Famous Artist: Charles Schultz

Charles Schultz is best known for creating the “Peanuts” comic strip. Snoopy and Charlie Brown are recognized all over the world. Shultz began each day by talking and having fun with his friends. He worked on his comic strips 365 days a year. His comic strips can be seen in most newspapers today.

Picture Books:



Baa, Baa Black Sheep Illustrated by Stephen Price
Available from Smarty Pants Press

Maisy goes Shopping Written and Illustrated by Lucy Cousins

Objectives:

Learn about creating cartoons, drawing shapes, and telling a story in picture form

Learning Props: comic section of newspaper

Blank sheet of white paper 8 1/2" x 11"

Pencil

Black pen or marker

Color markers

Art Activity:

1. Read these Jokes.

We will make a cartoon illustrating a joke.

What do you call a prehistoric monster when it sleeps?

Dino-snore

What kind of music do Frogs listen to? Hip-hop

Why is the clock so tired? It runs all the time.

Knock-knock

Who's there?

Boo.

Boo Who?

Why are you crying?

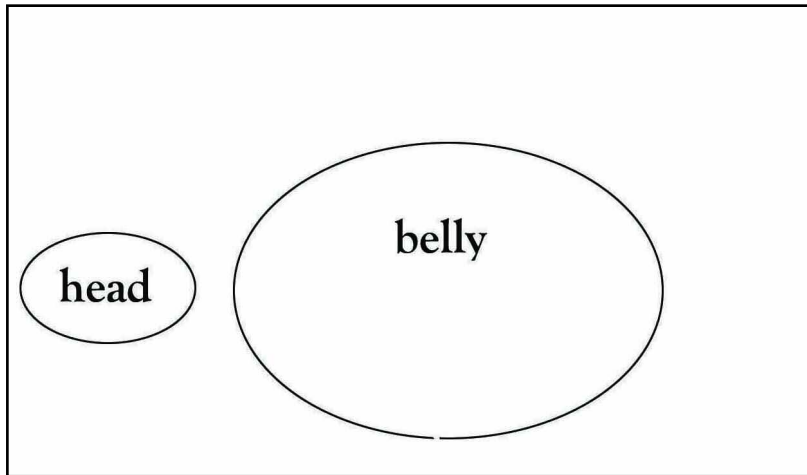
2. Pick a joke, Make up your own, or use one you already know.

For our demonstration we will use

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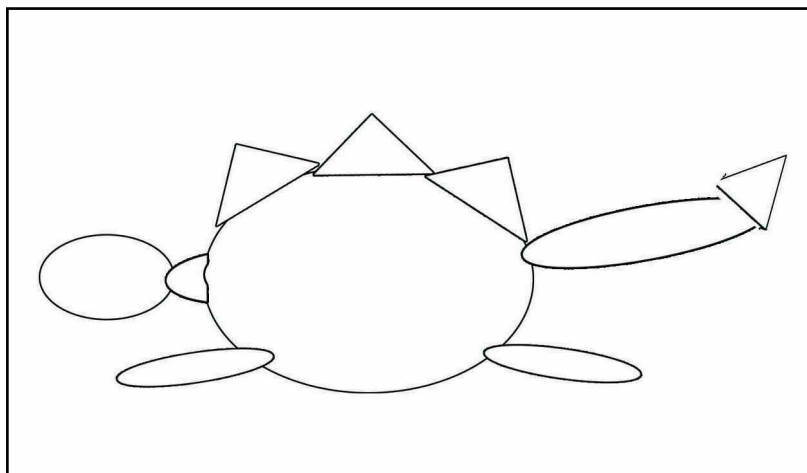
Dino-snore

3. Start with simple shapes. See example 1.



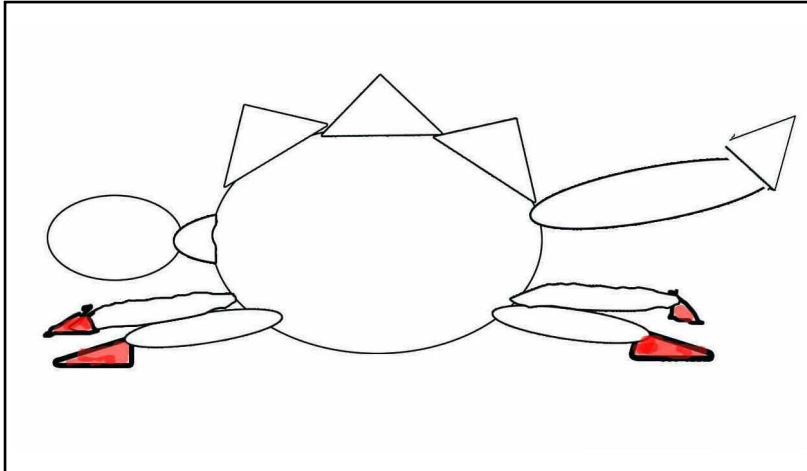
Example 1

4. Use Circles, triangles, squares, etc. See example 2.



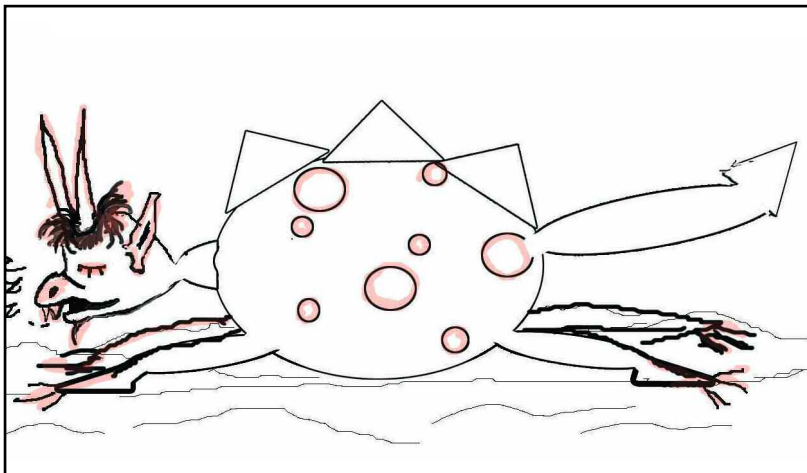
Example 2

5. Add features to your illustration like feet, hands, etc. See sample 3.



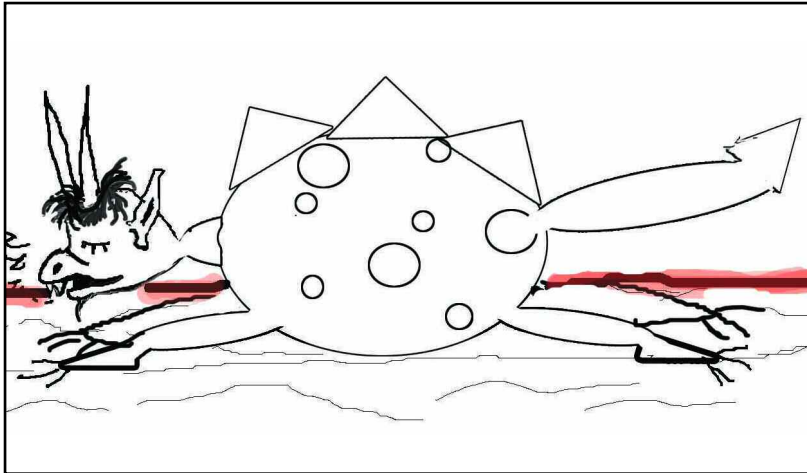
Example 3

6. Now give your Character eyes, nose, mouth, ears, spots, hair, etc. Add whatever features you want. See Example 4.



Example 4

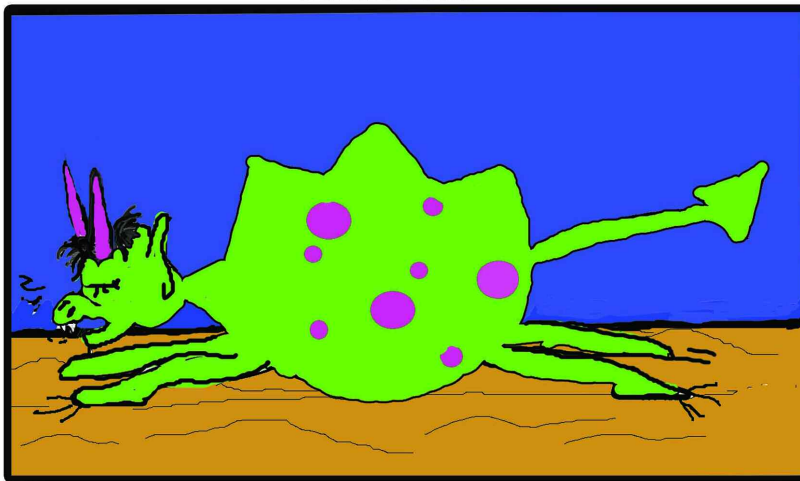
7. After you add all the features and small details on your character you can draw a horizontal line to separate the sky from the ground. This is called a horizon line. See example 5.



Example 5

8. Now you are ready to add color. Use any colors you want. Make sure your picture is bright and colorful. See example 6.

DINO-SNORE



Example 6

Color in the sky and ground.

9. Now you have created a cartoon character. Make up new stories for your character and tell them in picture form.

Use your imagination! Have Fun!