

OBSERVE Art EVERYWHERE



Observation Notebook Activities Ideas

- **Pattern Safari** – Great for younger kids!
 - Students sneak around the site and find different patterns & sketch all patterns found.
 - When a pattern is discovered, have a signal for students to point it out without noise (don't want to walk the pattern up!), then all students quickly sketch the pattern in their observation notebook.
- **Ears to See** – Need a partner
 - Compare the sounds of two similar objects dropping.
 - Students take turns being blindfolded/eyes closed while the other student drops to similar objects on the table – one at a time. For example: a pencil & a pen.
 - Blindfolded student guesses when one was dropped first and explain their reasoning in their observation notebook.
- **What's in a Room?** – Groups of 5 or Less
 - Have a small group of students go in a room or particular space on site and write down all they see.
 - Group compares with others' lists to discover similarities & differences.
 - *Additional Option* = Have students that didn't go into the room/space guess where the students were from their observation lists.
- **Shape Battle** – Small Groups
 - Assign different groups of students a different shape and see which group can find the most examples of that shape – positive & negative space is allowed.
- **I Spy** – Oldie but Goodie ☺
 - Perfect for those five extra minutes at the end of the day!

Preparing for Field Trips

- Practice what you will be doing – observing, sharing ideas and listening to others
- Observation activities and practice discussion will help a ton!
- Organize and give different groups of children “jobs” or specific things to look for while on the field trip
- Prepare with vocabulary flash cards – quizlet.com is a great resource
- Have notebooks for students to write down questions to investigate later as a group – helps to keep to the schedule

Low-Cost Art Related Field Trip Ideas

- Indianapolis Art Museum – Guided Tours
The museum will offset the cost of bus transportation up to \$150 per day on a first-come, first-serve basis.
- Indianapolis Art Museum – 100 Acres Sculpture Garden
- White River State Park – Sculpture in the Park
- Monon Love Train – Along the Monon (between 54th & 52nd)
- Indianapolis Art Center Grounds & Gallery
- Madame Walker Theatre
- Cultural Trail
- Nature Walk – At a Nearby Park and/or your Site
- Gallery of Reproductions and/or Student Work – At your Site

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