WEEK 6



Art Easel/Art Studio: Action Painting

Continued from Week 5, children create their own painting tools

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Vocabulary	action: movement
	dab: to press lightly
	drip: to flow downward in drops
	splat: to fall or drop down fast
	swirl: to spin or twirl around
Additional Material	 Move!, Steve Jenkins and Robin Page all materials from Week 5 children's action paintings photos and videos of children doing action painting in the previous week Review the documentation and choose a few examples to share during the Intro to Centers meeting. materials for children to make their own painting tools, such as: paint brushes: clothespins, feathers, cotton balls, pom-poms, bubble wrap stamps: corks, legos, potato mashers rollers: a rolling pin/can wrapped in bubble wrap or tin foil Make a couple of painting tools with these materials, as examples. Cover a work space with paper (table or a 3 x 3 foot section of floor), and place cardboard boxes on top of the paper; or continue to work with the same setup from last week. See setup reference images in Action Painting Artists Resource. Set up the paint tool-making area with one or two pre-made clothespin 'paint brushes'. Have the paint tools from the last session available. Bring the samples of children's artwork and any documentation examples with technology to share them to the Intro to Centers meeting.
Intro to Centers	You created such interesting action paintings last week! Let's look at some of our artwork. What do you notice?

Show the artwork and/or photos and videos of children painting. Invite children to share their observations.

As human beings, we are a kind of animal.

Hold up *Move!*

Steve Jenkins has made illustrations that show many different ways animals move their bodies.

How are other animals' movements similar to or different from the way children move their bodies?

Turn through a few pages while children share their ideas.

Let's look at another action painter, her name is Cicely Carew, and she lives in Boston. She loves to make big colorful paintings by dabbing, dripping, splatting, and swirling the paint.

Show the image of the artist and Cicely's painting.

Look closely at the painting. What do you see here? What does this painting remind you of? How is this painting similar to or different from Kazuo's action painting?

Turn back to the images of Kazuo Shiraga's work while children respond.

How do you think the artist Cicely Carew made this painting? What do you think she was feeling as she made it?

Harvest a couple of children's responses.

This week you can keep creating action paintings by adding to the ones you are working on or starting a new one.

You can also try making your own painting tools. Here are some materials you can use.

Show some of the materials and pre-made tools and materials. Demonstrate how to use a clothespin to create a paintbrush.

Standards

SEL7. The child will demonstrate the ability to communicate with others in a variety of ways.

SEL8. The child will engage socially, and build relationships with other children and with adults.

APL4. The child will demonstrate creativity in thinking and use of materials. **RI.PreK.7.** With prompting and support, describe important details from an illustration or photograph.