

Preschool – Kindergarten Challenge

Prompt: Design a sign for an aquarium and sea animals for the aquarium

The Challenge:

Explain to students that the city of Rozzopolis is need of a new aquarium. It is your students' job to design a sign for the aquarium and construct animals to go in the aquarium.

Aquarium Criteria:

- Have students put water into a bin. (Tip! You can add blue food coloring)
- Have students create 4 sea animals to go into the aquarium. Provide students with waterproof materials to create their animals (examples: plastic, tinfoil, popsicle sticks, clay)
- Aquarium sign must have name of aquarium and pictures of sea animals on it.

Rules:

- 1. Adults can help provide guidance on projects, however we want kids to be in charge of creating! We expect all projects to look like children made them!
- 2. The only permitted supplies are recycled materials and common classroom art and building supplies. See page with list of suggested materials.
- 3. Adults must submit the entries by April 15 at 11pm EST.



Entry must include the following:

- 1. Name of school and teacher OR parent who oversaw project
- 2. First name of child(ren) who completed the project
- 3. 1 picture of animals in a bin of water
- 4. 1 picture of animals before they have been placed in the bin
- 5. 1 picture that shows the aquarium sign
- 6. 3-4 sentence description on their project (we want to understand what they made and why they made it) (students may dictate their description to you)
- 7. Submitted on a <u>Powerpoint slide (if submitting multiple entries, all entries</u> <u>must be submitted in one Powerpoint)</u>

Rubric (50 points):

- 5 points (20 total) for each animal created out of water proof materials
- 10 points for creative name of aquarium
- 10 points for overall design of aquarium sign
- 10 points for description of project



General Supplies List

This is not an exhaustive list – please add your own supplies

Suggested Art Supplies:

- Pipe cleaners
- Tissue paper
- Colored construction paper
- Popsicle sticks
- Markers, crayons, colored pencils
- Glue and tape
- Straws

Suggested Building Supplies and Recycled Materials

- Tinfoil
- Cardboard
- Plastic cups
- Jars
- Loose parts! Nuts, bolts, PVC pipes, tubes
- Fabric
- Egg cartons
- Crazy items! Pool noodles, seashells, etc.