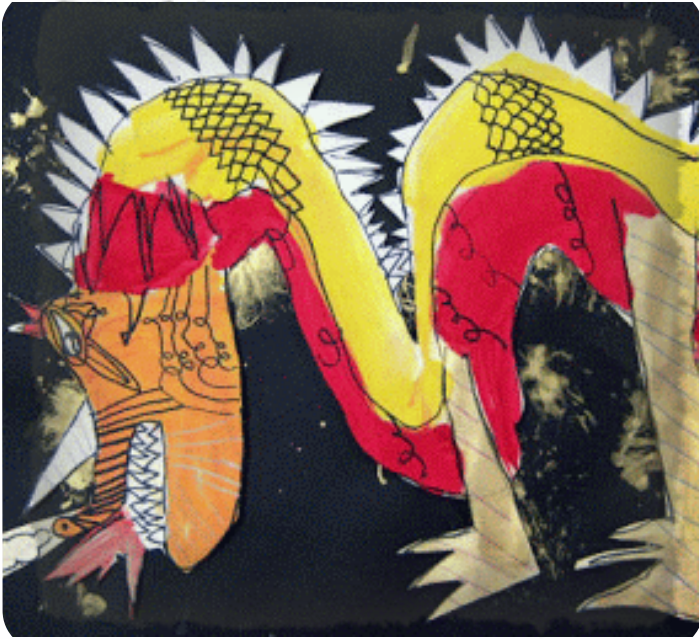


“Chinese Dragons”



Objective: Students create original dragons inspired by Chinese New Year.

Materials

- 12”x18” tagboard and Pencils
- Tempera Paint in Warm Colors
- Permanent Markers and Metallic Colored Pencils
- 12”x18” Black Construction Paper
- Gold Tempera Paint and Stampers
- 3D-Os or Glue sticks

Motivation

- Introduce students to the traditions of the Chinese New Year Celebration. The book [The Dancing Dragon](#) is a fun book to use.
- Watch YouTube videos of dragon and lion dance competitions and/or of Chinese New Year parades.
- Demo how to draw different dragon parts and have students practice.

Step 1: Draw and Paint

Have students draw large dragons on the tagboard, concentrating on the outline and major details (eyes, mane, spikes, etc...).

Using various warm colors, have students paint their dragons. Emphasize neatness as it will make Step 2 easier. Students may want to paint each section twice to hide brushstrokes.

Step 2: Trace and Add Details

When the paint is dry, have students use permanent black markers to trace their drawings to add contrast.

Using permanent markers, metallic markers and/or metallic colored pencils, have students add details to their dragons such as scales, spots, spikes, or stripes.

Step 3: Background and Mount

Have students carefully cut out their dragons. Have students use gold paint and Koosh balls or fake flowers to stamp fireworks onto pieces of black construction paper to create backgrounds. Using [3D-O's](#) or glue sticks, have students attach their dragons to the backgrounds.

Tip: Make sure students don't add too many spikes to the outside so cutting out doesn't take forever.

Tip: You can do cutting and backgrounds on the same day. Set up a few stations to stamp backgrounds, while the rest of the students work on cutting.