

LET'S HAVE A LUAU!

Description: Leis, and Parrot Puppets

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Grade level or Target Age Range: Pre-School

Vocabulary: *Lei, Luau, Hawaii, Hula*

LEIS

Materials

1. String
2. Cut outs of paper flowers with holes in the middle (*preparation for this is required before class to punch out the holes*)
3. Small cut pieces of plastic straws (*prep this as well*)

Directions

Before we made the leis we learned about Hawaii. For instance:

- we talked about how Hawaii is an island
- the different animals we might find on Hawaii such as parrots
- last week we made paper volcanoes and the students learned that volcanoes can be found on Hawaii
- we also talked about Leis and how they are important to the Hawaiian culture (*people are now greeted with leis when they arrive in Hawaii*) however their leis are made with real flowers.

1. Take one bead and string it to the bottom of your necklace and tie a knot around it. This will ensure that the students beads will not fall off of their leis
2. Demonstrate how to make a lei by stringing first a paper flower and then a small plastic bead (*the cut straws*)
3. Explain that there is a pattern to making a lei (*bead, flower, bead, flower, bead*)

When the students completed their leis I taught them how to hula dance and then let them dance to Hawaiian music!! They absolutely loved this!!



PARROT PUPPETS

Materials

1. Paper cups
2. Red, yellow, and orange construction paper
3. Glue
4. Crayons
5. Scissors
6. Fake feathers

Directions

1. Cover each paper cup with red or orange paper
2. Pre cut 3 different color wings (*one smaller than the next*)
3. These wings will be glues on top of each other to make one colorful wing
4. Once the wings are complete the students will glue the wings to either side of the cup
5. Next cut out one large circle for the head (*out of red or orange paper*)
6. Cut a large beak out of paper and glue this in the middle of the circle
7. Ask the students to draw eyes on either side of the beak
8. Add feathers to the top of the head with glue
9. Glue the head to the cup and allow time for the parrot to dry
10. Once everything is dry they can use the parrot as a puppet by placing their hand inside the cup