

A BOX OF CRAYONS

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Grade:

K+

Age: 5+



Activity Summary:

Inspired by the book "The Crayon Box That Talked" this lesson will show children that when we all work together, the results are much more interesting and colorful. I just finished a lesson in honor of Martin Luther King Day that I found to be one of the best of my 6 year teaching career. This truly is a great lesson I'd love to share!
~Eileen

What You Need:

- crayons, pencils, markers
- paper
- the poem A Box of Crayons
- [crayon pattern \(click here for pattern\)](#)

What You Do:

1. Read the poem "[The Crayon Box That Talked](#)" to your students. It is about the different colors getting along and liking each other.
2. Then, children draw their portraits on a die-cut [crayon pattern](#).
3. Place all the crayons into a giant box of crayons that you can create using construction paper (see photo).

Poem

[Click here to view a Power Point of this lesson plan \(complete with poem\).](#)

[Click here to find the poem: The Crayon Box That Talked.](#)

Extra Poem to Hand Out to Students

Wouldn't it be terrible? Wouldn't it be sad?
If just one single color was the color that we had?
If everything was purple? Or red? Or blue? Or green?
If yellow, pink, or orange was all that could be seen?
Can you just imagine how dull world would be
If just one single color was all we got to see?

Recommended Books:



[The](#) [Crayon](#) [Box](#) [That](#) [Talked](#)
by: Shane DeRolf

In Shane DeRolf's deceptively simple poem, a child's box of crayons conveys the sublimely simple message that when we all work together, the results are much more interesting and colorful.