

Lesson Plan for Grade 3: Home (Part One)

Activity: Brown Paper Bag Houses

Estimated Time: 90 minutes

Materials (for 20 students):

Home by Carson Ellis

Recycled brown paper grocery bags

Recycled Newspaper

Colored Construction Paper

Scissors

Glue Sticks

Estimated cost per student: \$1.60 (includes cost of scissors)

Objectives:

- 1) Read *Home* by Carson Ellis aloud, allow a student to read it, or watch the video on YouTube.
- 2) Lead a discussion about the different types of places people live, and what makes a place your home.
- 3) Have students cut recycled newspapers into strips, and use them to stuff brown paper grocery bags. Fold over top of grocery bag and seal with glue.
- 4) Instruct the students to use construction paper to add the details on their house, as well as the landscape surrounding the house. No details are to be drawn, everything must be made with cut paper. This concept can be hard some kids, so it's a good idea to do a short demo.
- 5) Toward the end of class, begin assembling houses together in a neighborhood. Allow students to present their house and tell about the details they added.
- 6) If time allows, lead a discussion on neighborhoods, and the importance of community.



TN Visual Art Standards: Grade 3

3.VA.Cr1.A Elaborate on an imaginative idea.

3.VA.Cr2.A Create artwork to meet personal criteria, using a variety of artistic processes and materials and developmentally appropriate craftsmanship

3.VA.Cr2.C Individually or collaboratively construct visual representations of objects or places from everyday life.