Craft - Amate Bark Painting

Today we'll look at a traditional Mexican folk art, painted on Amate, a type of paper produced from the fibers of the bark of fig trees. Beginning in pre-Hispanic times, different indigenous groups used the amate to communicate with others. For example, the Aztecs used the amate paper to register data, or as a gift for soldiers. However, now Nahua artisans paint intricate birds, colorful plants, and whimsical animals on the amate so that it can be used for decoration. People in Mexico have been making amate since before 300BCE!

We will recreate an amate inspired painting today using some basic materials!

To learn more about Abate Folk Art follow the link
https://www.mexican-folk-art-guide.com/amate-paper.html#.XrF6HdVKE6U

Follow this link for a tutorial
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wphXIQBd64o

Materials:

- Brown Contruction Paper, or brown packing paper
- Acrylic Paint (tempera can be used as well but 2 coats might be needed)
- Paint Brushes
- Pencil
- Sharpie or other permanent black marker

Directions:

1. Take a look at some traditional amate paintings online, common imagery includes birds, flowers, and animals. These paintings are very colorful and detailed.
2. Use your pencil to draw your own amate inspired image onto your brown paper, once you are happy with your design trace it with you black marker. When you are happy with your design paint it in, it couldn't be any easier!
Virtual Exploration - Cinco de Mayo

Have you ever overcome an obstacle that made you want to celebrate?

https://www.youtubekids.com/watch?v=O20HgEL0t8I

Science Activity - 8 Twisted Taco Recipes For Cinco de Mayo

Today we are going into the kitchen to cook. Try these delicious recipes and enjoy!!!

Take a picture of your results and add them to our comments!!

Follow the link for directions

https://www.youtubekids.com/watch?v=uUvDnm8bkaI

Daily Challenge - Dia de los Muertos

The Day of the Dead or Dia de los Muertos is a traditional Mexican holiday that celebrates the lives of family members and loved ones who have passed away. Here are a couple of links with information regarding the holiday and some awesome ideas for DIY projects.

https://growingupbilingual.com/25-easy-day-dead-diy-crafts/

Show us your fun - use items you have around your house - be creative!
Take a picture when you're done then add them to our comments!!

Let's Stay Active - Just Dance Now - Disney•Pixar’s Coco: Un Poco Loco

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q3_JFdF7GqM&feature=youtu.be