Craft - Butterfly Painting

Family is very important in Costa Rica. Children often live with their families until they are married. Leisure is treasured above work in Costa Rica. While work is necessary to earn a living, Costa Ricans believe people should enjoy their lives.

Pura Vida!!

To learn more about Costa Rica's Diverse Butterflies follow the link below

Costa Rica contains approximately 90 percent of the butterfly species found in Central America, 66 percent of all neo-tropical butterflies, and about 18 percent of all butterfly species in the world.

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Materials:
- Canvas (or piece of cardboard)
- Black, White, and color of your choice Tempera or Acrylic Paint

Follow the link below for a tutorial
https://stepbysteppainting.net/2019/03/09/how-to-paint-a-butterfly/

Directions:
1. You will want to start painting on the left side of your canvas with white paint. You will paint the white top to bottom, and move your way to the right side of the canvas slowly adding your color of choice to your white paint to create an ombre effect. Let this dry.
2. Then you will paint your butterfly on the left side of your painting. You can sketch out the wings lightly with a pencil first, then fill in the wing with the color you have chosen, or you could use a different color, it is up to you! Once you have painted in your wing color, outline the wing of your butterfly with black and add on the body and antennas.
3. Now you will move to the right side of your painting and add in some swirly details like in the picture. Use white and black paint to add embellishments in any way you like

Post a photo of your finished product in our comments!
Virtual Exploration - World’s Most Famous Frog!

Also known as the Red Eyed Leaf Frog, this species is well known for its vivid color patterns and giant bright red eyes.

It is so beautiful it can be found on countless posters, postcards, and all sorts of artwork throughout the world.

Follow the link below and get ready to meet the world’s most famous frog!
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Fa_I68L_APY

Science Activity - Chromatography Butterfly Craft

Chromatography is such a fun science concept to explore! Wondering what it is? Chromatography is the separation of a mixture by passing a solution through a medium. In this case, we'll be separating the colored ink in markers with water using white coffee filters. (You can also explore chromatography with special chromatography paper like we did in this chromatography artwork activity!)

Follow the link for this fun experiment
https://buggyandbuddy.com/chromatography-butterflies-separating-colors-in-markers/

Daily Challenge - Create your own Sloth

Did you know that Costa Rica is home to an adorable and lethargic animal?

That's right, you can find two species of sloth living in forests; the brown-throated three-toed sloth and Hoffmann's two-toed sloth.

Make your own sloth with this fun and easy craft.

Let’s Stay Active - Costa Rican Calypso

Costa Rican calypso music is one of the most famous musical styles to come out of Costa Rica. Wind instruments called ocarinas are used in ancient ceremonial songs that are still played today. Follow along to this more modern version

Follow the link below to experience a little bit of Calypso
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RCpoHgc4BZQ