

Essential Question

How can we use primary colors to make secondary colors?

Activating Strategy (Approx. 15 minutes)

Give the students time to discuss with each other what they think that word is. Then go over what secondary means in art and then show them the secondary colors (orange, green, and violet).

Have a set of three cups. Each cup is filled with water and then one with red, blue, and yellow food dye. Then I will add other drops of food dye.

-red cup with blue color to get violet

-yellow cup with red to get orange

-blue cup with yellow to get green

This shows them how to mix the colors so they can make more colors when they only have the three primary colors.

Teach/Task (Approx. 25 minutes)

1. Have the primary colors (red, yellow, blue) on a plate for myself. Then show students how to mix the paint colors so they have an idea how to mix and close to the correct proportions.
2. Give each student a plate of paint with the primary colors. (red, yellow, and blue)
3. Students can paint what they would like to. (can use entire paper or only some parts of the paper. Also have them mix the colors to try and recreate the secondary colors.)
4. Students can also do different line patterns and can shake their paint brush to create a dot/open space effect.

Summarize (Approx 15. minutes)

On white boards, go over the secondary colors and how you would make them using primary colors. Then, outloud, ask students questions about which color makes them feel happy, sad, angry, mad, cheerful, upset etc...

Questions to Ask:

How do you make the color orange?

How do you make the color green?

How do you make the color violet/purple?

What feeling do you think of you see the color red? (orange, yellow, green, blue, purple)

