

Mary Cassatt CHILDREN AT THE BEACH

Large Motor Exercise:

Following sitting awhile for our painting presentation & discussion, we all stood up and the children did some large motor exercises demonstrating what swimming strokes they knew.

(Front stroke, back-stroke, breast-stroke, butterfly, and cannonball!)

We played this video on the smart board (Still shots of surfing to the Beach Boys "Surfin USA") while the kids used their towels as surfboards and demonstrated the strokes to dance "The Swim" and to surf along.

<http://youtu.be/9BaC95O37Os>

Art Project:

Our Art Project was "painting" (a small section at a time) with q-tips and white glue inside a sandcastle shape (Printed these out on blue card-stock) and then sprinkling each small section at a time with play sand.

A shirt box lid in the center of each quadrant of desks caught the extra sand that was carefully spilled off. I found tiny plastic glasses at the dollar store for sand and glue. For added texture: cotton ball clouds, a yellow sun and adding some beach stickers (starfish, shells, crabs) to finish off.

I asked "Who do you think might live in a sand-castle?" and got the amazing response, "A king crab!"

Each child went home with a real sea-shell, a brief letter to parents explaining our time together and a coloring page of the painting.

