

Shifting Sands

Sandbox and Kindness Rocks

Materials

- Shifting Sands story
- Bag of sand
- Wooden sticks
- 6 X 6 cardboard
- A stone
- Glue, Modeling clay that will air dry
- Tools to sketch (sharpened pencils, toothpicks)
- Paint
- Paintbrushes
- ModPodge or sealer

Alternate

- Use a Tray (plastic or otherwise) w some sand
- Magic Slate
- Any rock – real or facsimile (cardboard/paper)

Activity Procedures

1. Read or play the story.
2. Discuss the story. What did the friend write in sand? What does it mean to write in sand? Students should create a frame by using the 6x6 cardboard and gluing wooden sticks onto the frame. Model: use a frame and spread a little sand inside the frame. Show how we can write a message in the sand, shake it a little so that it disappears. Handout the cardboard frames, pour a tablespoon of sand into each frame. Instruct students to write with a stylus, in the sand, something a friend did that hurt them. After which students will gently shake their frame so the words disappear. Spread glue in the middle of the frame. Use a wooden stick to spread the sand over the glue. On the frame write the words, "Hurting Acts".
3. What did the friend write in stone? What does it mean to write in stone? Brainstorm and list positive, uplifting words. Shape a lump of clay into a rock shape. Etch a positive word along with a simple sketch on the clay. Let air dry. Color the words and the sketch with paints. Seal the rock with a Mod-Podge or sealer. Leave the stones around the school yard or in the community for others to read.

Directions: On the left side of the paper draw in the sand what you would like to forget or have "blown away" in the wind. On the right side, write in the stone what you would like to remember forever.



Forgiveness

What does it look like?

What does it sound like?

What does it feel like?

What is it NOT?