



"Bouquet of Peace"

This Spring, celebrate the beauty of friendships with a fun art project creating 3-D flowers based on discussions of Spanish artist Pablo Picasso's *Hands With Flowers*, also known as *Bouquet of Peace*.

As flowers bloom, animals awaken from hibernation, and leaves appear on trees, children also grow this time of year as friendships cultivated earlier in the school year blossom. They experience intense joy and camaraderie along with disagreements and sometimes jealousy. They learn that friendships require respecting and understanding one another and showing kindness through giving hugs, saying I'm sorry, or offering small bouquets of flowers.

Use this lesson with your students to further explore their relationships with their family and friends. Discuss times when your students have offered or received a gesture of "bouquet of peace" – how did they feel as givers, as receivers? How did the other person feel? Who would they like to give the art project flowers to and why?

Instill a little TLC when nurturing the seeds of flowers -- and of friendships – and add color to the world.

We hope you enjoy this special-edition celebration lesson. We encourage you to visit our website, www.artinaction.org, and try a free, more in-depth sample lesson.

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