

Ann's Creative Corner

Project #252: Chinese Lanterns and Dragons!

- Create a lantern shape as shown below in lucky red Construction paper.
- Draw the black lines as shown below.
- Have the children decorate this how they like.
- Ideas for decorations to stick on could be pieces of shiny paper, ribbons, tissue paper, sparkles, stickers and other items you may think of.
- Punch a hole at the top of your lantern to hang up.
- Find a dragon shape to print out.
- Glue this print onto some construction paper.
- Have the children cut around the shape in details or less details for younger Preschool children. If the child is not capable of scissor, you could cut it out. Younger toddlers and Preschoolers can practice cutting small pieces of paper by snipping!
- Decorate or colour your dragon shape.
- Attach two Popsicle sticks to the back of this Dragon to make a puppet
- It is important to help your children hold the scissors correctly and also give SMALL pieces of paper for learning cutting. Safety is also important to explain. Scissors with room for a 2-3 finger grip in conjunction with the one finger hole is important for coordination and holding of the scissors. Children almost always turn the scissor downward. You can guide the hand by turning it upward and stand behind the child to help with the grasp of the scissors. Model the open and closing of the scissor movement.

Song: Puff the Magic Dragon.

