Marbelized Cards

A Safer at Home Art Idea by Angela Johnson

Materials:

- Water color paper, cards, or heavy stock
- Spatula
- Foamy shaving cream (not the gel kind)
- Ruler or straight edge
- Water color inks or food coloring
- Gloves (optional) inks will color hands, table, etc.
- Cardboard to put down on table
- Container for shaving cream

Senses Engaged:

- Touch Hands on tactile, texture of shaving cream, mixing colors with spatula, using ruler to pull off shaving cream and expose marbelized image
- Visual Choosing ink colors, choosing where color swirls go, finished piece
- Smell Of shaving cream
- Sound Play relaxing music in the background while working, sound of ruler on straight edge scraping off the shaving cream, sound of shaving cream coming out of the container



Preparation:

- 1. Choose relaxing background music to listen to (without words, maybe classical, NPR).
- 2. Add a small amount of shaving cream to a container.
- 3. Use bottle or dropper to add a few colors of inks or food coloring to the shaving cream.
- 4. Use the side of spatula to "cut" through the shaving cream (less is more) if you really stir and move the shaving cream around it will turn to mud.
- 5. Place the paper or water color card on the shaving cream, gently press down and make sure to smoosh all the corners into the shaving cream.
- 6. Gently pull paper off the shaving creamthere will be lots of shaving cream on the paper.
- 7. Put the paper clean side down on the table (or cardboard) and hold the paper down with one hand and use the ruler or straight edge to pull off the shaving cream.
- 8. Let dry and give the card to a loved one or frame the marbelized work.

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