My Art Ark Visit - a pre-visit and post-visit project (Grades K – 2)

Objective
Students create an interactive lift-the-flap project to preview and record their visit to the Crocker Art Ark.

Time
20 minutes for pre-visit portion; 15 minutes for post-visit portion

Materials
• copies of the lift-the-flap page (1 per student)
• colored construction paper (9 x 12) or card stock (8.5 x 11)
• scissors and glue
• crayons and pencils

Process
Pre-visit lesson
Discuss the students’ upcoming visit to the Crocker Art Ark. Demonstrate cutting out the project pieces and gluing them to the construction paper, pointing out the horizontal dotted line that is to be folded and not cut. Talk about the descriptions on the flaps so they can be thinking about what they will draw after their visit. If there is time before the visit, the students can draw the picture of the Ark in the large rectangle. Take them to see it if they haven’t, or show them a picture of it.

Post-visit activity
Discuss what the students experienced and learned during their Art Ark visit, using the descriptions on the flaps as a guide. Give them time to complete their projects. Encourage them to talk about their projects with classmates as time allows.

Extending the Lesson
• Use the visit and the project as a journal writing prompt.
• Display all the projects on a classroom bulletin board.
• Close the activity with a related read-aloud. The Art Lesson (DePaola), Tar Beach (Ringgold), and The Dot (Reynolds) are only a few suggestions.
My Art Ark Visit!

The Crocker Art Ark

one thing I saw

one thing I did

my favorite part