

Scribble Stones Rock Garden Activity

Materials:

- [Scribble Stones](#) by Diane Alber
- [Large Beach Pebbles](#) (Enough for 2 per student if possible)
- [Clear acrylic finish spray paint](#)
- Class set of [paint pens](#)
- [Acrylic paint set](#) with an assortment of paint brushes/sponges
- Cups to be used for rinsing paint brushes
- Paper towels to dry off brushes
- Paper plates to serve as art stations and paint palettes
 - Could also use old newspaper, butcher paper, wax paper

Procedure:

1. Introduce the concept of scribble stones by reading *Scribble Stones* as a class.
2. Let students know that they will be decorating two rocks: one to keep and one to add to the school (rock) garden.
 - a. We recommend having students complete the “school” rock first and the “keep” rock second. If time and/or resources are limited, focus on what is most meaningful for your students.
3. School Rock Ideas- School rock should incorporate words and/or letters. Depending on the age and focus of your group, and the needs of your school community, suggestions for “rock décor” are listed below. Do not be afraid to mix-and-match ideas to suit your needs!
 - a. Pre-K/K: Consider upper and lowercase letters, easier sight words
 - b. SEL: Positive affirmations and uplifting words
 - c. ESL: Common vocabulary words with one side showing the English translation and the other showing the alternate language translation
 - d. Science: plant names and anatomical names for parts of those plants; name of commonly used garden tools
 - e. English: a variety of words that students could use build sentences.
 - i. A variation of this could be to use two sides of a rock to write antonyms or synonyms
 - f. Math: various numbers and math symbols that students could arrange to create mathematical equations.
 - i. A variation of this for younger students could be having a number listed on one side of the rock and a picture depicting that number of objects on the other side.
4. Once students are done painting their rocks, seal the rocks using the finishing spray paint.
5. Allow students the opportunity to add their “school” rocks to your school rock garden and to admire the work of their classmates.