Gather Your Materials

Your very first Assignment on your Week 1 Things to Do List will be to “Gather your Materials.” This list of is also in your Syllabus. Yes you can use materials for work, but if some are not available from you work you have to get them yourself. I will post a photo of what I mean week 1.

Creative Art Activities Required Materials

You must have continuous access to these materials throughout the semester.

- At least 50 pieces of multicolored construction paper
- 1/4 ream of white paper
- At least 20 pieces of heavy paper 11 x 18 or bigger—for easel painting
- 1 set of primary color wide washable markers—not scented
- 1 set of primary color thin washable markers—not scented
- 1 set of colored pencils including all primary colors
- 1 small box of wide crayons—primary colors
- 1 small box of ‘regular’ crayons—primary colors
- 1 box of white chalk
- 1 set of water colors—primary colors
- Tempera paint in Red, Blue, Yellow and White—at least 1 cup of each
- 1 glue stick
- 4 short wide paint brushes—for easel painting
- 2 medium paint brushes—for watercolors
- 2 sponges
- Flat baskets for displaying materials
- Cups for holding crayons, pencils, pens, glue, watercolor water, tempera, etc.
- 10-20 small to medium cardboard boxes or cardboard shapes for 3D collage
- A roll of masking tape
- A block—to display tape
- 2 Placemats or trays for defining space
- Plastic Cookie Cutters for Playdough
- At least 4 picture books with few words and colorful and clear pictures
- Props: articles which you will display to extend art activity, e.g. (in my photo) scarves, small wheel toys, or flowers, balls, blocks, stuffed toys, fruits and veggies...

You will also need access to a phone or digital camera to document your set-ups and activities. You will also need the ingredients to make playdough using the recipe below.

Playdough: You will need to make this. NOT YET. NOT NOW.

Combine in saucepan:
1 cup flour (cheap white flour, the kind people shouldn’t eat...)
1/4 cup salt
1 tsp. cream of tartar
Add and whisk until smooth:
1 cup water
1 Tbsp. oil (cheap stuff, not the good-for-you kind you use for real cooking...)
Food coloring (Cake decorators paste or liquid makes great colors)
NO scent.

Cook over medium heat until playdough is nearly set and comes away from the sides of the pan.
Remove and knead when cool.
Store in Ziploc bag or air tight container.

Ps. I know you might have a ‘better recipe’ humor me.