Needs of Man – Aesthetics
Group Rock Sculpture

Materials:

Take children for a walk outside:

→ 1 wood board (12" square)
→ Bucket
→ Glue (optional – glue gun used by teacher)
→ Permanent black pen

Presentation:

1. Invite the children to take a walk outside.
2. Tell each child that you want them to choose a rock that has at least one flat side.
3. Collect the rocks in a bucket.
4. During Circle Time, talk to the children about the needs of man. Take about mans need for ***Aesthetics***.
5. Invite the children to say the word ***Aesthetics***.
6. Explain that ***Aesthetics*** is about making something of beauty from nature.
7. Talk about jewelry, early cave drawings, sculpture, etc.
8. Tell the children that they are going to make something of beauty from nature.
9. Place the bucket of rocks in the center of the circle.
10. Invite the children to take turns (going around the circle) to select a rock and then return to their place on the line.
11. The teacher should place the wood board in front of herself.
12. Tell the children that they are going to make a ***Rock*** Sculpture.
13. The teacher should take her rock and glue it on the board.
14. Invite the children to take turns (going around the circle) to come up and place their rock on the board.
15. The teacher should glue each rock down.
16. When the sculpture is finished, ask the children what they think the sculpture looks like.

17. Choose a title for the sculpture and at the top of the board write "Our Rock Sculpture - _____" with a permanent black pen.

Variations and Extensions:

1. Have the children make their own miniature rock sculpture
2. Sand Painting

Points of Interest:

1. How each rock looks different alone and in a group
2. Rocks can be Art

Control of Error:

1. Not finding any rocks

Aims:

Making our lives beautiful with objects from nature, creativity, working with a group, etc.

Age:

2 ½ and up

Language:

Aesthetics, rocks, treasures, art, nature, etc.