

Cycle 2, Week 1 – Rainforest Gecko, ages 7-9

Learning target: Train our eyes to see shapes and lines in objects. Use several types of lines/shapes to create a drawing.

Element of art: line, organic shape

Materials: cut-out of leaf, 8.5x11 white paper, pencils, colored pencils (or markers)

Draw two rectangles on the whiteboard, the same dimensions as the student's drawing paper. Tape the leaf in the first rectangle. The second rectangle will be where you draw the image.

1. Students fill in OILs worksheet. Talk about what line is, and the different types of lines there are. Explain geometric vs. organic shape, using the OILs worksheet: shapes in the left-hand column are geometric while shapes in the right-hand column are organic. (5 minutes)
2. Show the students the leaf cut-out on the board and explain that the drawing will be connected to the idea of tropical rainforests, like in the science sentence for the week. Ask students if the leaf is a geometric shape or organic shape and why. Talk about the curved lines that make up the edge of the leaf.
3. Next, begin to draw the leaf on the board, next to the rectangle with the paper leaf. Go slowly, and allow students to follow along on their paper. Talk about where your pen is going as you draw. Have students explain what kind of line is coming next as you draw.
4. Students follow along as you draw the gecko on the leaf. (Drawing portion: 15 minutes)
5. Show pictures of different colored geckos. Students add designs to the backs of the gecko. Have students color in the gecko first. Fast finishers can color in leaves and background as well. (10 minutes)

			
			
			
			
			



