



Developmental Benefits of Play:
Creative, Communicative, Social

Focus Skills/Subject:
Art, Imagination,
Social-Emotional Learning

Grades: 1-5

- Have students work together to complete a classroom mural!
- Place a long piece of paper on a table (or floor if you need more space), and give students a theme to base the mural on, like a specific season.
- Have them make suggestions to one another about what they can add to the mural, or to give the reasoning behind what they're drawing. (For instance, one child might say, "I'm drawing a snowman because this mural represents winter.")

Pro Tip: Have each student start off with two crayons. Instruct students when they want a new color to find the classmate with that color and to ask nicely if they would like to trade crayons.

Materials:

- White Butcher Paper
- Crayons of Different Colors

