

Medieval Castles Project

Send a note through backpack mail or email the week before to collect any type of cardboard boxes (cereal, cracker, etc.) and toilet paper and/or paper towel rolls.

Have the children work together at a table to create one castle (maybe 4 or 5 children per castle). Cut out different colored flags before the lesson so each table's castle has a different color.

Below are links to templates used to create the castles. You do not need to print out the templates for the kids to glue to the cardboard, just have them decorate the cardboard to make it look like a castle.

<http://www.dltk-kids.com/crafts/birthday/mcastle.html>

<http://www.stormthecastle.com/paper-castle/make-a-cardboard-castle.html>

Before you let the children go to work on their castles, talk a little about the various parts of castles. Maybe start by talking about Disney castles and explaining that although they are not "real" castles, they were inspired by real castles. Then show them a few and talk about the different parts. Below are a few links to the castles you may want to discuss in class:

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Neuschwanstein_Castle

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ch%C3%A2teau_de_Chaumont

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tower_of_London

