

Words of the Earth

Listen to the heartbeat of Mother Earth....stories and drumming to connect us to the gifts of nature that surround us every day. Learn ways we can take care of these gifts in our homes, our community and our world. Join us for drum making and find your own rhythm as we drum together in the story circle. Drums bring stories from all cultures to life with simple rhythms that connect us to Mother Earth and each other.

You will need:

Cardboard carpet rolls cut in 13" 15" and 18" lengths

Shells Rocks Beach glass Natural feathers

Glue guns

Heavy balloons 17" Available on the web on Balloon sites that advertise a 17" product
I used www.bargainballoons.com

Hemp rope

Directions: 10 minutes to create designs 15 minutes for designs to be glued in place (if children are not old enough to use the glue guns, volunteers will glue. Tacky Glue works well but requires a longer drying period) (after creating the design, children are in the drum circle while the gluing is taking place)

Cut the neck off the balloons
Stretch the balloon over the end of tube as tight as possible

Place shells, rocks, glass and feathers in baskets in center of each table
Introduction to creating the design of their own special story
Have each child choose objects to create his/her journey story for the front of the drum
Each child places design on the table in the order to be glued
Adults do the gluing for younger children while the stories are told

Children come to the drum circle while their drums are glued and drying

10-15 minutes

In the circle....Introduction and invitation to listen to the heartbeat of Mother Earth
Honoring the gifts of nature from the (Creator in church settings....Nature in school settings)
Honoring the Four Directions and the Four Seasons
Storytelling using the drum

Books That Connect Us To The Rhythm of the Drum and Creation:

Earth Mother by Ellen Jackson
Beat the Story Drum by Ashley Bryant
Dancing Drum-A Cherokee Legend adapted by Terri Cohlene
The Monkey and the Drum rajathathacorner.awardspace.com/Stories

COMING SOON* A complete list of books and the guide for the Four Directions**

Drumming together using their drums 10-15 minutes