Visual and Performing Arts: Scaly Dragon

You will make dragon with colorful scales. The dragon is a mythological creature. It has the head of horse, horns like a deer, big eyes, body like a snake, two front and two back legs, claws of an eagle, and scales of a fish. Flames come from its body, because it is supernatural.

Directions:

1. Draw your version of a dragon with an s-shaped body. Make sure it has a head, horns, four legs and tail.

2. Use magic markers to color in your dragon. It can be any colors and as many colors as you want.

3. Cut your flat found objects into small triangles. Each one of these will become a scale on the dragon. Slightly fold back the tip of each triangle.

4. Start at the dragon's tail and finish at the dragon's head. Each time you glue down a scale, glue down the edge opposite the point. Continue gluing and overlapping the ones you just stuck down. Only the curled tips should show.

5. When you are done, your dragon will be covered with colorful drawing and scales.

6. After you have completed your dragon, write a limerick about your dragon. A limerick is a five-line poem in which 1st, 2nd, and 5th lines rhyme. The 3rd and 4th lines rhyme with each other.

Think about where your dragon lives, what it looks like, what it eats, what it protects, how it spends its day, and where it sleeps at night before writing your limerick.

Example:

There was a young dragon named Pete
Everything he liked to eat
Pizza, stew
or eyeball brew
He warmed his food with magical heat.

7. Everyone shows his or her dragon and reads the limerick.

Materials:

a piece of construction paper, or heavy paper, colored magic markers, collage elements such as colorful tissue paper, gift wrapping, comic pages, magazine photos, candy wrappers, labels,...glue, scissors, pencil.