Visual and Performing Arts: Milagros

Make 3 milagros of objects that you are thankful for. What can the objects be?
Your milagros can be something about your body: such as expressing gratitude for eye sight or hearing, artistic or athletic abilities...
Your milagros can be something you have for which you are thankful, like a bicycle, or a computer, or a ring...
Your milagros can reflect something you or your family wishes for, like a new car or house, or a pet...

Directions:

1. Make a list of several milagro subjects. Select 3 that would make interesting shapes.

2. Draw the outline only of each milagro on an index card. Use one index card per milagro shape. Try to use as much of the card as possible.

3. Cut out the milagro shape.

4. Press a piece of foil to completely cover your milagro shape front and back. Use some glue or tape to stick the foil to the index card shape.

5. Punch a hole in the top of each milagro. Run some yarn through the hole and make a loop.

6. Hang all the milagros on a board. Students can discuss what their milagros represent.

Materials Needed:

3 - 3"x5" index cards per person, a roll of aluminum foil, glue or cellophane tape, scissors, 18" yarn per person, a hole punch.

Resources:

See the section on READINGS, "Mexican Shrines, Retablos and Altars". Check the VOCABULARY for the definition of the word "milagro"

Conduct an on-line search on Yahoo or Google for the word milagro or milagros.