



Art Room and Classroom Activities

Forsythia Cartoon

Materials Needed: ©Forsythia Fits In Books, visit StudioRADishPress.com to find cartoons, drawing materials, print the Forsythia Cartoon layout template.

Goals: To teach idea generation, brainstorming singularly, brainstorming as group, creative thinking, planning, goal setting, illustrating, cartoon creation, and build writing skills.

Execution: Writing a punch line is one of the most difficult writing tasks ever! It involves thought, planning, creative thinking, and political savvy.

1. Read a [©Forsythia Fits In](#) book in class
2. Have class visit forsythia.com and check out the comic blog for inspiration.
3. Choose a topic for the class to make a cartoon about. It could be about current events, your school, their family, something they find in the news paper (recommended). Try to have each student's topic different from the others to discourage idea-copying.
4. Have each student write their idea down. Ex. St. Patrick's Day.
5. Challenge- write a cartoon about this topic in three parts; first panel, second panel, third (concluding) panel.
6. Give students a scrap copy cartoon outline to practice their cartooning.
7. Now you've done all your planning and it is time to start the final product!
8. Print a copy of the cartoon template for final cartoon.
9. Feel free to email Rachel (rachel@studioradish.com) to show final products and get some of your student's projects posted on StudioRADishPress.com!