



Outreach: EMQ Families First

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On May 14, Deb Taylor did an Outreach with 12 Foster Kids at EMQ Families First facility in Concord. I assisted her by taking a few photos and helping children, but to my surprise, the kids needed not much of assistance. As soon the brushes and paper were placed on the desks and the plastic cups were filled with water, the children were occupied with the teacher's performance following Deb's instruction precisely.

Deb prepared a step-by-step lesson with the landscape, which was calling for wet-on-wet and wet-on-dry techniques. She taught the children how to mix the colors on the paper, paint the background mountains lighter compared to the tree in the foreground, grass, and flowers, which can be painted with brighter and juicier colors. The kids even learned how to paint water with the watercolor as the project included the painting of a small pond for imaginary fish.

All of the kids had enjoyable time, learned a good deal of techniques in playful manner, and loved a few small gifts that were generously donated by Cheap Joe's and delivered by CWA Outreach team.

Irina Sztukowski

A couple of weeks after the lesson date, we received a bunch of lovely thank you notes from the children. One of them states:

"Dear Ms. Taylor and Irina,

I really appreciate you helping us with our watercolor paintings. I learned a lot about watercolors and how to use them. I enjoyed making a landscape very much. I had a lot of fun. I still have my painting, and it turned out well. Thank you for taking the time to come teach us.

Sincerely,
Josh F."

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