



Art Masterpiece

Kindergarten

Core knowledge Topics: Social Studies (Europe), Reading/Language (Family, school, routines), Science (Community Members)

Children's Games by Pieter Bruegel

About the artist: Pieter Bruegel was a Flemish painter who was born in what is now the Netherlands. He was born in 1525 and died in 1569. He lived mostly in Brussels but travelled to Italy for part of his life. You can ask the children if they know where all these places are and if they can find them on the globe?

Agenda: Discuss how Bruegel painted scenes from everyday life. Instead of having people pose for a picture like you do for your class photos, he would paint people working, eating or playing. Bruegel would even disguise himself as a peasant so that he could go to parties and walk in the streets to find everyday things to paint. If Bruegel was painting today, what might he paint? Maybe he would paint people driving on the street or going grocery shopping? What else?

Games We Play: Bruegel's painting was made more than 400 years ago and has more than 90 games that are in the picture. Even though the painting is so old, do we still play some of these games (some familiar games include: leapfrog(a white shirted boy in the very center), tug-of-war(just below the leap-frogger)? Do we still dress the same? What are things that are different from today than in the picture? How many games can you find? Are things happening in the buildings? Does the artist do a good job of showing children having fun? Why or why not?

Details: When a picture has small parts and a lot of different parts it is described as having a lot of detail. Does a cartoon have a lot of details? Does a photograph? Bruegel painted a lot of little details in his painting. In Children's games what are some of the details you see?

Project Ideas:

-Create a Bruegel mural. Have each child color a picture of a game they like to play on a small piece of paper. Then paste all of the pictures onto a large mural

to make Pinnacle Peak's Children's Games. It will show all of the games we like to play today.

