Animal Sculptures

Materials

- Salt dough (recipe below), another kind of clay, or Play-Doh
- Food coloring, powdered Kool-Aid, or Jell-O (optional)
- Piece of cardboard/plastic or wax paper/parchment paper
- Toothpicks, forks, plastic knives, and other items for sculpting

Instructions

- To create salt dough, combine ½ cup of flour and ¼ cup of salt together in a bowl. Mix to combine. Slowly add ¼ cup of water and mix together. Knead with your hands until a smooth dough forms.
- If you would like to use color, add a few drops of food coloring or powdered Kool-Aid or Jell-O to all or part of your dough and knead until the dough changes color.
- Think about what kind of animal you would like to create for your sculpture. Will you make your favorite animal? An imaginary creature? Is there an animal that represents your family, community, or city?
- Use your hands to roll, pat, and pinch your dough into your animal sculpture. Build your sculpture on cardboard, plastic, or on a table covered with wax paper or parchment paper so the dough does not stick.
- The dough will keep for a few days in an airtight container to be used at a later time.
- If you would like, you can bake your sculpture at 250 degrees for 15 minutes to harden it. Salt dough will also harden as it air-dries but will be more fragile and brittle than if you bake it.

Additional Book Suggestions

* Zoe and the Fawn* by Catherine Jameson

* Oodles of Animals* by Lois Ehlert