

Adaptive Art Supplies

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The ability for some students to artistically create as independently as possible can be challenging when using traditional supplies and materials. Thanks to SEPTA, the students at the primary buildings now have access to adaptive art materials that will aid them and allow them to successfully participate in making meaningful art with their peers. Supplies such as lefty scissors, loop scissors, stencils, easy grip brushes, foam paint rollers, and dot paints are available for students to improve their comfort, their fine motor skills, their artistic process, as well as their self confidence in the art room. These materials are stored on a cart in each building and are utilized not only by the children in the art room, but by the children in classrooms throughout the building. At the primary level, students are engaging in hands on, creative activities in order to explore the world around them. These supplies can be used to create STEAM, math, science, and literacy projects as well. Check out the photos of the Hemlock students using the stencils to help design their reader's workshop book bags! Thank you SEPTA for sponsoring this important project.



Hemlock students using stencils received from the grant for their reader's workshop literacy book bags. This project was a cross-curricular collaboration bridging the areas of the arts and literacy. Students used the stencils to create their favorite storybook characters on their canvas tote.



Hemlock principal, Audrey Bellovin, and Nicole Leyland in front of the adaptive art supply cart.



Mrs. Foehr's first grade class showing off their final products.



Mrs. Santucci's first grade class's bags hanging by their cubbies.