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Art Activity: Sun Prints

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Activity Description:

Using seaweed as a theme, students will create an art project to reinforce their aquaculture learning experiences.

Learning Objectives:

Students Will

- Make a seaweed sun print

Materials:

- Sun print paper <https://www.amazon.com/SunPrint-W330-Paper-Kit/dp/B001KOGY3M>
- 10" X 14" pieces of cardboard, one per child (to put Sun Print paper on, paper is not stiff)
- Selection of seaweed samples (If a trip to the ocean is not feasible, dried seaweed of several types may be purchased in most natural food stores.)
- Access to hose or watering can

Teacher Preparation:

Be familiar with making sun prints and have seaweed samples on hand.

Seaweed Sun Prints

Follow the directions that come with the Sun Print paper to make seaweed prints. A few helpful tips:

- It is helpful to place the seaweed on the paper in a dark room.
- It is best not to do this activity on a windy day (papers and dried seaweed samples may blow away).
- For the type of paper we used, we needed a water source to "set" the picture after exposure. Be sure to read the instructions on your photo paper ahead of time and plan accordingly.
- Better results are obtained out-of-doors in direct sunlight rather than through window glass.

