



KWANZAA PAPER CHAIN

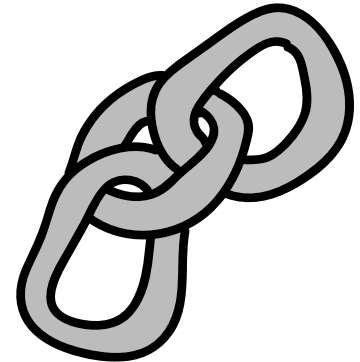
Lesson of the Day:

Let's celebrate the togetherness of Kwanzaa. We can make links and connections. This is how we create a solid group of friends- we make connections whenever we can. The more we find ways to connect with one another, the more friends we will have.



Materials:

- Red, green, and black construction paper
- Scissors
- Tape
- Markers



Instructions:

1. Discuss the lesson of the day with your students. Talk about what it means to them.
2. Have students cut the construction paper into strips.
3. On some strips have them draw pictures or copy the words for each of the days of Kwanzaa (Umoja: Unity, Kujichagulia: Self-Determination, Ujima: Collective Work and Responsibility, Ujamaa: Cooperative Economics, Nia: Purpose, Kuumba, Creativity, Imani: Faith).
4. They can make a loop by taping one end of the strip of paper to the other. The next loop goes through the first loop and then tapes together, leaving the two connected. Repeat until there is a whole chain.
5. Use the chains to decorate the classroom, if desired.