

Each Piece is Important!

I drew a large picture of our school mascot, a space pup, on a piece of butcher paper with pencil (I put the picture on a transparency, projected it onto butcher paper and traced). I then cut the picture into 30 pieces, as that is how many students we have (I put the following puzzle on a transparency, projected it over the picture and outlined the puzzle pieces). If you need more pieces than the template has, just place it next to it's self-all the pieces interlock with each other. I labeled each section on each piece with a color. The students were given a piece of the picture and told to fill each section on their piece with little bits of construction paper in the color that section showed.



When they were done, we pieced them together on the front board and the picture slowly came to be.



I numbered each piece on the back ahead of time so I knew where to put it on the board. When the picture was complete, I took all the pieces and stapled them on a board outside of our room.

This is a great lesson highlighting team work and following directions. One of my students did not follow the color directions on her puzzle piece, and it stuck out like a sore thumb in the final picture. Remind students over and over that their piece needs to blend with the rest to make the big picture work.

