

## **Art project**

Draw a Portrait

We are dealing with Kindergartners so they may start drawing Mona Lisa and end up with a Mommy or Daddy Lisa or vice versa. I like to do a little body math.

### **Measuring Up**

**Point to your eyes, eyebrows, ears, neck, etc. – We all have these features, but it is the details that make us different. Have a volunteer smile, another a sad face, another a mad face. Point out the eyes, mouth and eyebrows – that is what show the emotion.**

As he measured and drew human bodies, Leonardo da Vinci noticed that we generally have standard proportions. He noted that "the span of a man's outstretched arms is equal to his height." Other observations he noted about human proportions:

- The face is divided into three equal parts—from the chin to the nostrils, from the nostrils to the eyebrows, and from the eyebrows to the hairline.
- Your hand is as big as your face.
- You can fit 5 eyes across your face (temple to temple)
- The distance across the face from one ear to another is the same as that from the eyebrows to the chin.
- The ear is as long as the nose.
- Eyes are halfway between top of the head and chin
- Upper lip is halfway between eyes and chin
- Corners of mouth line up with centers of eyes (pupils)
- Top of ears line up above the eyes, on eyebrows
- Bottom of ears line up with bottom of nose.

I would have the oval drawn for the kids before they begin. There is a stencil in the file.

I would have them use pencil then add crayon, marker or whatever you like.

I would use the white board to draw with them.

See below for example.

