

Hands-On History Fun

Create-A-Craft:

Make a Mosaic—Just like the Romans!

For each student you will need: several different colors of construction paper; scissors; glue or paste; white poster board to hold the mosaic; marker

With the scissors, cut squares, rectangles, and triangles out of the different colors of construction paper. These will be your “tiles”

for creating the mosaic. You may want to draw a design on the poster board that will then be filled in with the construction paper tiles. Glue or paste the colored construction pieces to the poster board, making an arrangement of the tiles which is pleasing to you.

Be sure to give your mosaic a title, such as “Dog on Floor.” Have fun!

Science Stuff:

Make a Volcano—Another Mt. Vesuvius

In AD 79, Mt. Vesuvius erupted and covered three Roman cities. Archaeologists were eventually able to excavate these cities, and found amazing things perfectly preserved for centuries, including food on the table, bread dough rising, dogs sleeping, and more!

To make this much tamer volcano, you will need: ½ cup baking soda; ½ cup white

vinegar; 2 Styrofoam cups; tape; 6–8 drops red food coloring.

Put the baking soda into the bottom of one of the Styrofoam cups. Drop the red food coloring on top of the soda. Next, turn the second Styrofoam cup upside down and carefully poke a small hole in the bottom which is now the top. Tape the second cup upside down to the first cup, so that the hole is facing up. Now pour the vinegar into the hole. Watch what happens!