“Upcycled Cartooning”

by M.C. Baker
grades KG-4
time frame: 40 minutes

PROJECT DESCRIPTION
Create a new character form something old! Yes, you too can create your own super hero. A lone character in a story or a whole new cast. Look for something in the recycling bin, upcycle a broken toy. You are on your way to making your own cartoon!

The Legend of Rock Paper Scissors
Author: Drew Daywalt
Illustrator: Adam Rex

New York Times Bestseller! 5 Starred Reviews!
"Will have listeners in stitches." —Kirkus Reviews (starred review)
"Purely absurd, sidesplitting humor." —Booklist (starred review)
"Demands bombastic, full-volume performances." —Publishers Weekly (starred review)
"Perfect for a guffawing share with younger sibs or buddy read." —BCCB (starred review)
"The sort of story that makes children love to read." —School Library Journal (starred review)

From acclaimed, bestselling creators Drew Daywalt, author of The Day the Crayons Quit and The Day the Crayons Came Home, and Adam Rex, author-illustrator of Frankenstein Makes a Sandwich, comes a laugh-out-loud hilarious picture book about the epic tale of the classic game Rock, Paper, Scissors.

"I couldn’t stop laughing while reading this aloud to a group of kids," commented the founder of Bookopolis.com, Kari Ness Riedel.
ART ACTIVITIES / PROJECTS

This is the book to springboard your students into cartooning. However, I have many students that always ask, “what should I draw?” My idea is to first make them look for something ordinary (ie: an old glue bottle, a broken spatula, a reallllly small pencil- it doesn’t matter what they choose). Then add google eye and let their imaginations soar. They can create a cast of characters or a lone hero. They can draw or use digital photography or both!- great project to differentiate and allow for creative freedom.