**Hands-On 2020 Polynesia Koru Watercolor**

**Supplies for each child:**

1 sheet scratch paper

1 piece watercolor paper

1 pencil

1 black permanent marker (optional)

1 set watercolors with brush

1 or 2 disposable cups of water

1 paper towel

**Objective:**

TLW utilize curved lines and watercolor paints in their interpretation of the Polynesian koru design.

**Art TEKS:** 1A, 1B, 1C, 2B, 2C, 3A, 4A

**Background Info:**

The Koru is a Polynesian symbol that represents new life, growth, strength, and peace. It is a spiral shape seen in the unfurling silver fern frond of the ponga plant.

**Activity/Procedure:**

Students will follow along with the instructional video to practice turning the numeral 6 into the Koru--first with pencil on scratch paper, then with pencil on watercolor paper. Next, students will trace their pencil lines with permanent marker, then follow instructions to fill in color with watercolors.

**Discussion Questions:**

The Koru is made of curved lines. Which do you prefer drawing, curved or straight lines? Why?

In Polynesian cultures, the Koru is a symbol for peace? Can you think of other symbols for peace? Would you enjoy creating a new symbol for peace? If so, what would it look like?

Do you know which colors are considered cool colors and which are warm colors? Look at your painting and those of your classmates--did anyone use all cool or all warm colors? Do you have a favorite?

We took the numeral 6 and turned it into the Koru. Try taking a different numeral or even a letter of the alphabet and turn it into something else.

Lines That Wiggle is a very fun book about different kinds of lines. Perhaps your school library or our city library has it. It's lots of fun to try out all the lines from the book!