

## **Chinese Painting Tips for Volunteers**

1. Presenters should take some time to review Chinese Landscape Painting for Beginners ahead of time and practice some techniques, so they are better able to assist the children.
2. Squeeze out a little ink at a time into small Dixie cups and add as necessary. The children must be very careful with the ink so it will not spill, and stain.
3. Provide paper towels to each child.
4. Cut the large sheets of rice paper into quarters with the paper cutter in the teacher workroom near the gym. The smaller size paper works better and the children can do a second painting if they finish early or mess up.
5. **HELP US PRESERVE OUR BRUSHES FOR FUTURE USE!** They are very expensive to replace. Tell the children to be gentle with the brushes. A very light touch works better for this style of painting, and it will keep the brushes from getting mashed.
6. When finished, the brushes can be cleaned in the sink in the teacher workroom. This takes time, but is necessary to keep them in good shape. After thoroughly rinsing them out, take paper towels to squeeze out excess water and reshape into a point.
7. Be sure all brushes and left over materials are stored in the Chinese Art box and promptly returned to the Art Appreciation cabinet.