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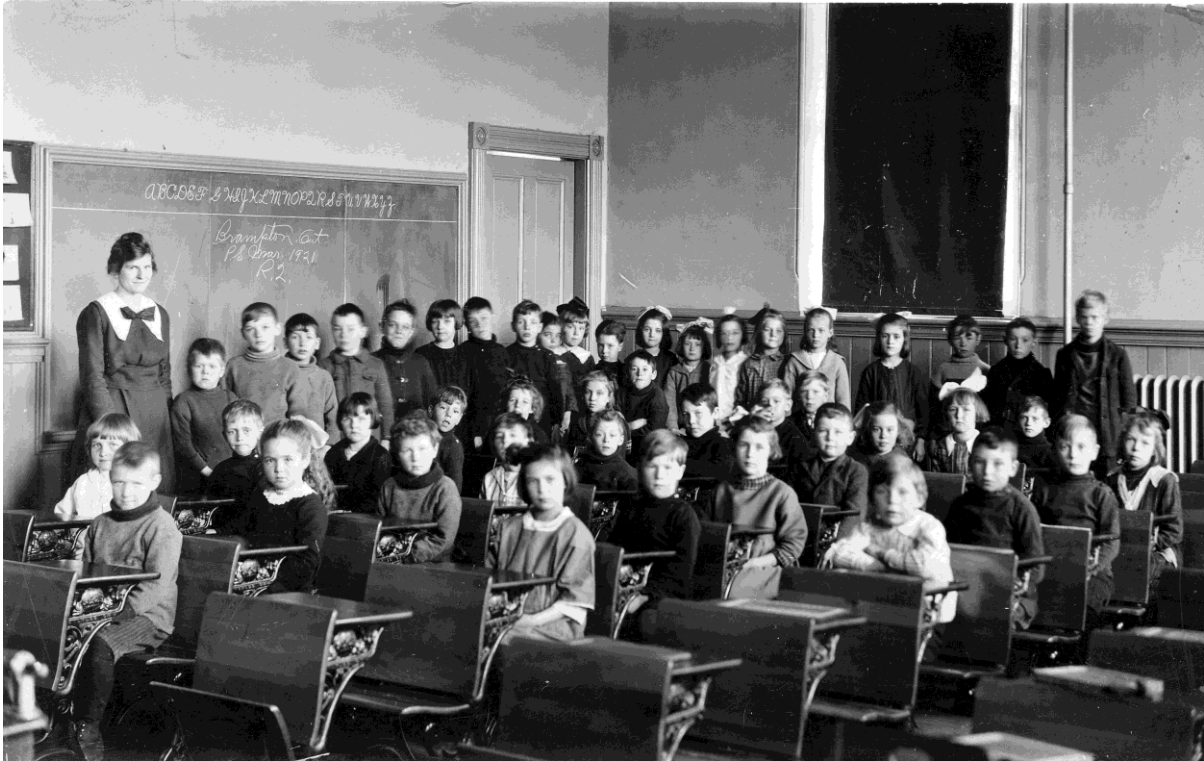


Frank Hennessey (Canadian, 1894-1941)
Autumn Afternoon; Laurentian Hills, n.d.
oil on canvas, 39 x 48.5 cm
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Chalk It Back to School!

Chalk can be used for so much more than just writing on a chalkboard. As you get ready for back to school, have some fun with colours and chalk.



Abigail Fleming's Class, Central Public School, Brampton, 1921, Region of Peel Archives Photograph.

Did you know students used to use chalkboards (also known as slate boards) instead of paper?

Slates were much more cost effective and were used in schools in the 1800s.

Like the whiteboards you might have in your classroom now, teachers used to use a large chalkboard at the front of the room and each student would use a small slate board for their lessons.

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Materials:

- Black Construction Paper
- Masking/Painter's Tape
- Chalk

Step 1:

Use tape to create outlines of different shapes on your piece of paper. Be sure not to use too much so you have plenty of room to colour in.

**Step 2:**

Now, imagine that the paper is a chalkboard and colour inside each shape with a different colour until your whole paper is covered in colours. You can dip your chalk in a bit of water, so it isn't as dusty if you'd like. Be careful as unlike a normal chalkboard, you cannot erase what you've drawn.



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Step 3:

Give your finished artwork some time for the chalk to set. Gently remove the tape from your paper to reveal your completed artwork.



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