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Title: A Messy, but Fun Characterization Lesson

Grade Level: 3rd – 6th grade

Objectives/Directions:

- **Objectives:** Students will improve their understanding of the concept of characterization by creating a character from the novel they're reading and adding 2 character traits that are true for the specific character. Furthermore, students will prove the character traits true by writing an actual sentence from the novel that illustrates the character trait they wrote.
- **Directions:**
 - Stud. will be placed into groups of 3 – 4 students.
 - Stud. will trace one person in group on a large roll of paper.
 - Stud. will begin to paint the tracing so that it resembles the character from their reading.
 - While the character is being created, the group is split into two groups. One group will be painting the character and the other group will work on laptop computers creating their characterization cards.
 - To create characterization cards, students will go to the teacher's folder on the server. Stud. will open the characterization card template (attached) in the folder and will save it with their name. They will then proceed to create two cards with 2 different character traits for the character they are creating. When done, they will print and cut out their character cards.
 - The students who finished working on the laptops will then switch with the students painting and they will create 2 cards as well.

- When the character is finished being painted, the students will glue their character cards on the character and hang in hallway. (around 8 character traits in all)

Technology Devices necessary: Microsoft Word, Student Server, laptop computers

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