Blooming Water Lilies

Objectives:
- Allows the child to explore their creativity through making and designing water lilies.
- Promotes children’s visual spatial skills development and their understanding of shapes through hands-on experience.
- Supports fine motor skill development through cutting and folding, eye-hand coordination, control of tools.

Materials:
- paper
- colored pencils/markers/crayons
- scissors
- bowl of water

Directions:
1. For each water lily, you need two circles, one for the water lily pad and one for the water lily flower. Then trace a smaller circle in the center of the circles. Draw the leaves on one circle and petals on the other. Children can color and cut out to the center circle.
2. Next, place the water lily circle on top of the water pad circle, so the green leaves are on the bottom, facing up, and the flower petals are on top.
3. The petals of the lily should be folded first and then the leaves of the lily pad should be folded on top of the folded lily.
4. Place the completed folded lily in a bowl of water and watch them bloom!

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