

Welcome to **Pollywog At Home**, Session 5! So Many Stars by Andy Warhol and His Mother

Parts to **(read aloud)** to kids are labeled before the text.
Parts that are **((asides to caregivers))** are indicated with double parenthesis.

(read aloud)

Hi Pollywog Families! On to our 5th session together. Have you been having fun? One way to do these classes would be to click the different links and see which ones seem the most interesting to you and your grown-up, but I would suggest doing each of them in order. I say that, because I may refer to earlier sessions, and also because a book or project that may not seem as interesting at first could end up being your favorite!

Welcome Song –

We start with the Welcome Song! This is a little song is like a poem. I created it when my children were very young - and I was using the book *Seven Times The Sun* by Shea Darian to help plan our days together. The book is wonderful, and focuses on the cycle of a day and the benefits of routine for creating a peaceful environment in which to grow. The Welcome Song was created to be a Pollywog routine! If you are interested in learning more about this book, click here: <https://sheadarian.com/Shea%20Darian/bookstore-1.html>

~ sung to the tune of Rock-A-Bye Baby ~

Welcome to Art Class!
Ready for some fun?
First we sit still,
and quietly listen.
After our screen time,
we'll make something new -
but first we sing this
so we know what to do!

Opening (read aloud)

This week we are going to do something a little different. Many of the children's books we read are created by people who are specialists at creating books for children. The writers and illustrators (people who create the words and pictures) are not usually artists who have artwork you could see in an art museum. Today, we are looking at a book by Andy Warhol. He is an artist you can find in art museums. He is one of a group of artists that made a style of art called Pop Art popular, right around the time I was born. Pop Art is art that gives you a new way to see lines and color - and shows us that art is everywhere if we are looking for it. Here is a famous painting he made:



He is well known for paintings like this. Have you ever seen tomato soup cans like these? Someone had to design that can - and the choices that designer made were artistic ones. They wanted you to know what it was, and for you to want to pick up the can and buy it at the store. When Andy Warhol chose to paint the soup can, and to show it again and again - in different colors - he was playing a kind of game with us. He was taking something we see, showing us how to look at it more closely, and then changing it around. It is, in pictures, like a rhyming game is with words. It makes Andy Warhol into a sort of Dr. Seuss of visual art! ((Pause to discuss together. Present the subject in a way that you feel your child is most likely to connect with. For example: we may know what a Lego looks like, but do Legos seem different to us when they are different colors? Are some happier or sadder, more or less fun, and do you have a favorite?))

Storytime (read aloud)

Here is today's story link – we will be seeing and listening to the book **So Many Stars** by Andy Warhol and his mother. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SULfF6KTJu4>
((copy and paste into browser if clicking does not work))

After Story (read aloud)

That book was a project Andy and his mother did together when he was at the beginning of his life as an artist. She wrote the words and came up with some of the ideas, and he made stamps from drawings he could print again and again using bright colors that give different feelings.

Our Project (read aloud)

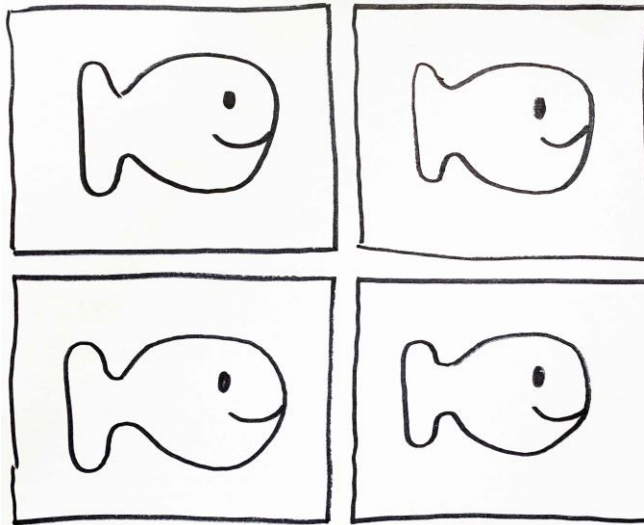
For this week's project, it is especially useful to have a home printer so you can print the resource paper I have created. I will describe a fun alternative approach if printing at home is not possible. It will require a little drawing help from the grown-up. The alternative approach will be described after the primary option.

Materials –

- Print out of Session 5 Worksheet of Pollywog At Home.
- Crayons.

ALTERNATIVE:

If you can't use a printer right now, you can make this drawing (with a black marker) and approach it with the same technique as listed below. The object is to have four equal sized quadrants, with the same goldfish cracker drawing in each.



((We will be using materials during Pollywog At Home that families are likely to already have on hand. If I list an item you do not have, see if you can think of a substitute - - if you're really stuck for a solution, feel free to email me for advice! r.schiding.studio@comcast.net))

How To –

As with most Pollywog projects, if kids and grown-ups work side to side on the same project, young learners will have their questions answered by demonstration.

I was trying to think of what a good kid's version of a Campbell's Soup Can would be. With the help of some other teachers, I decided on the package for Goldfish Crackers we get at the grocery store. I made this drawing of it:



Then I took that drawing and copied it to be four of the same drawings with a black border around them. That is what you have on the Session 5 Worksheet:



Your job is to print out the page, and color each of the four pictures with a different set of colors. This is called using a LIMITED PALETTE. You can color the pictures with crayons, markers or colored pencils. Remember to color the backgrounds – that is the white area around the cracker bag.

Use only three colors for each picture. That means you need four sets of colors. Here is what they are:

- 1) Red, Yellow and Orange (Are these WARM* or COOL colors?)
- 2) Orange, Blue, and Green
- 3) Blue, Green and Purple (Are these WARM or COOL* colors?)
- 4) Red, Yellow, and Blue (These colors are called PRIMARY colors)



As we do Pollywog At Home, you are encouraged to send photos of your Pollywog projects to me at my email address: r.schiding.studio@comcast.net. I will share the work on the Library's website at the end of our Pollywog lessons. (I do not show children's faces in photos of their work that I share.)

Okay - That's all for today!

You and I are lucky to be able to have art and storytime together. Thanks to **Wernersville Public Library!** Libraries are the best! They give us the chance to have wonderful things, without needing to spend extra money! Remember to thank them when you get the chance.

((You can receive credit for attending and working through this Pollywog At Home! Please follow this link to a form that will go to the Wernersville Public Library for an attendance prize: <https://forms.gle/XY1FTBtp4tu1NRD29> -- copy and paste into browser if clicking does not work))