Handmade Leprechaun

Staying with our St. Patrick's Day theme for March, your child will be making a leprechaun from one of his/her handprints! If you would like additional craft activities, please visit us at www.signingtime.com or www.signingtimekids.org

What do I need?
- Brown tempera paint
- White tempera paint
- Green tempera paint
- Black marker or pen
- foil
- Scissors (optional)
- Napkin or paper towel
- White construction paper

Book Link:
"Jack and the Leprechaun" by Ivan Robertson

Time to create!
Step 1
To create a leprechaun using your child's handprint, you will need to begin by pouring a little bit of brown tempera mixed with white tempera onto some foil to make the leprechaun's skin color. Then pour a little of the green tempera paint onto the foil. The foil will act as your paint palette.

Step 2
Using one of your child's hands, palm up, begin dipping your finger into the skin colored paint. Begin painting your child's hand starting at the base of the fingers and move down to just above the heel of his/her hand. Using your napkin or paper towel, wipe your finger clean. Then dip your finger into the green paint. Using your finger, paint the heel of the hand, thumb area, and each finger. When the hand is covered with each color, place the hand onto your child's white construction paper.

Step 3
You or your child should then draw in a face and add a buckle to his hat…you just made a leprechaun print!

Optional
You might also like to cut it out and place it on the refrigerator, or your child could make a few to cut out and hang in their room. Your child might also like to find people in his/her family who are not wearing green on St. Patrick's Day and make them pin a handmade leprechaun to their clothes. Kids love to see people wear their art!