Games From the Past

Whistle a Happy Tune

Materials:
Medium weight card stock paper 5” x 2” (1 per student) (not included)
Scissors (not included)
Crayons (not included)

Classroom Time: 1 classroom period

Objectives:

1. Students learn that tools can be made from everyday materials.
2. Sounds vary according to the force and shape of the air flowing through a whistle.

Teacher’s introduction to the activity:
In the past, children could not go to town and buy a new whistle, so they made their own; whittled out of wood, through blades of grass, from reeds found near the water, etc.

Instruction:
1. The teacher will copy the whistle pattern for each child.
2. Tell the children to decorate their whistle in a manner of their choosing.
3. Cut out the whistle.
4. Fold the whistle on the dotted line.
5. Cut a small “V” shape in the middle of the fold.
6. Hold the whistle by the two tabs on the bottom.
7. Softly blow through the V cut. See if you can make soft and loud notes, and if you can make different pitches (higher or lower).