



# REEEC

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## *Pre-Kindergarten Curriculum*

### **Krakow's Wawel Dragon (Poland)**

*10 minutes prep, 30 minutes class time*

#### **Required Materials:**

1. Craft rolls
2. Colored construction paper (we used green and red)
3. Decorations for craft rolls (pom-poms, googly eyes)
4. Red, orange, and yellow tissue paper
5. Glue sticks for students to use

**Instructor Preparation:** Trim construction paper to fit rolls, cover craft rolls and glue them in place for students. Cut tissue paper into smaller strips (see photo) to resemble flames.

#### **Lesson Plan:**

1. Introduce students to the country of Poland through pictures.
2. Tell students the story of the Wawel Dragon, which led to the founding of the city of Krakow.
3. Explain the craft to the students. They will be creating and decorating their own dragons out of craft rolls.
4. Create dragons:
  - a. Using craft rolls, students will be given pom-poms and googly eyes to create their own dragon.
  - b. Once the roll is decorated, students can add orange, yellow, and red tissue paper to the inside of the roll to act as the dragon's fire.
  - c. Set aside to dry. Once they are dry, the students can take their fire-breathing dragons home!

