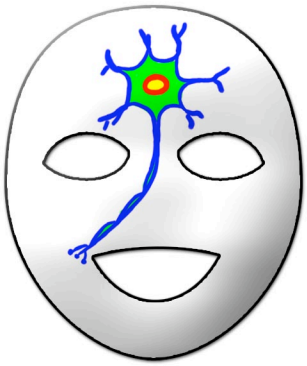
Brain Crafts!

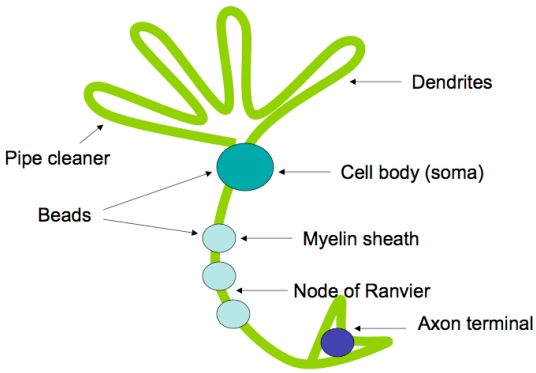


This is a sample of some fun brain-related arts and crafts projects we use during Brain Awareness Week. They can be used to supplement a brain unit to reinforce concepts like neuron anatomy.

Brain face painting – Face painting gets kids excited, and if you let them choose from a selection of neuroscience-related images (neurons, action potentials, brains, eyes…), they will think about what they've learned as they try to pick the coolest one. We found that face-painting sticks work really well. For sample images, see the website:
http://students.washington.edu/watari/baw/Photos

Coloring books: Some sample coloring pages are available for free download at http://faculty.washington.edu/chudler/colorbook.html. In addition, http://www.redreef.com/charts.html has a selection of coloring books, as well as other K-8 brain resources and activities.

Neuron Crafts: Build-a-neuron! Students use pipe cleaners or string and beads to make model neurons with dendrites, cell bodies, myelinated axons, and axon terminals – see below for a template.



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