

ART

Lesson

There are so many different kinds of art. Helping your child learn to explore with them will enhance and encourage creativity. Encourage your child to use their imagination, and always compliment their work when they are done. Teach your child to use the different kinds of art materials including paint, colored pencils, crayons, markers, chalk, clay, and others. Show them examples and explain what each might be used for. Consider showing your child one of your favorite pieces of art and explaining why you like it. Ask them what their favorite kind of art is.



Arts & Crafts

Materials: Finger paints and paper, play-dough, food coloring, rubber bands, paper towels, sidewalk chalk

Description: Allow your child to explore with finger painting! Paint pictures together using the finger paints and paper. To emphasize sculpture, let them play with play-dough and create sculptures together. Create tie-dyed pictures by scrunching the paper towels and wrapping rubber bands around them and dipping sections of them in food-colored water. Un-do the rubber bands and let them dry. Go outside and draw with sidewalk chalk -create a portrait by tracing around your child and letting him/her fill in the silhouette!



Snack Time

Create sculptures out of peanut butter play-dough! To create the play-dough, mix up 1 cup of peanut butter, 1 cup of corn syrup, 1 1/4 cups of powdered milk, and 1 1/4 cups of powdered sugar. Or create paintings using vanilla pudding mixed with food coloring and graham cracker canvases.



Outing

Communities often have a variety of art galleries or displays to offer, and many times they are free of charge. Try taking your child to an age-appropriate art gallery and show them the different types of artwork on display. If no gallery is available, consider visiting a library and looking through art books.



Reading Time

- Art, by Patrick McDonnell
- Harold and the Purple Crayon, by Crockett Johnson
- The Art Lesson, by Tomie dePaola

