



Artist Takeout Storytime



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Greetings, Caregivers!
You are your child's first teacher. Help your little one get ready to learn how to read by talking, singing, reading, writing, and playing together. Have fun!

Talk

Children are proud of their artwork. Giving specific feedback on your child's artwork encourages them to enjoy the process of art versus the product. Talking about art introduces uncommon vocabulary to your child: "I love all the colors you used, especially the magenta you used on this triangular part."

Sing

Music helps kids learn language as they practice listening for and creating rhythmic sounds. Can you hear that "pineapple" is a triplet while "mushroom" is two quarter notes? Play different types of music while your child draws, paints, and dances. Does the style of music alter their mood or attention? What music does your child like best?

Read

Children learn to love books by observing their loved ones reading. Art appreciation can be nourished the same way! Visit an art museum or page through beautiful, oversized art books together. Ask your librarians to toss a couple art coffee table books in your next Personal Shopper order (imagineiflibraries.org/shopper). Monet and animal crackers? Yes, please!

Write

Offer your child a variety of writing and painting utensils. Chubby crayons, various sized paint brushes, stamps, and sponges help little ones develop muscles in their small hands. Younger children may find small tools challenging to grasp, but babies can hold a crayon in their fist and scribble. That's where it all begins!

Play

Let's face it, art projects can be messy! Exploring sensory-stimulating materials develop your child's imagination, problem solving skills, and cognitive reasoning. Embrace the mess and creative joy: you're helping your child learn and grow!

Books

Available to read on Hoopla!

An Eye For Art
by National Gallery of Art
hoopladigital.com/title/11333507

Ellie: A Read Along
by Mike Wu
hoopladigital.com/title/13259493

The Museum
by Susan Verde & Peter H. Reynolds
hoopladigital.com/title/12466115

Action ART
by MaryAnn F. Kohl &
Barbara Zaborowskil
hoopladigital.com/title/11938213

Mouse Paint
by Ellen Stoll Walsh
hoopladigital.com/title/12093386

Printing and Stamping Art
from the Let's Make Art series
by Susie Brooks
hoopladigital.com/title/12175552

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Songs

Make up your own verses with your child!



Red Pajamas

Tune: Bumpin' Up and Down in My Little Red Wagon

Jumping up and down wearing red pajamas,
Jumping up and down wearing red pajamas,
Jumping up and down wearing red pajamas
Won't you be my darling?

Turning all around wearing red pajamas
Turning all around wearing red pajamas
Turning all around wearing red pajamas
Won't you be my darling?

Stretching up high wearing red pajamas
Stretching up high wearing red pajamas
Stretching up high wearing red pajamas
Won't you be my darling?

Playtime



Early Literacy Class

Join Imagine!F's Becca for a Virtual Early Literacy Class filmed at Kalico Art Center!
tinyurl.com/ArtStorytime

Process Art

Help your child savor the creative process by providing open-ended materials, paper, and two or three colors of paint. Without a specific product in mind or a set timeframe, children will use their imaginations and learn through experimentation.

Color Mixing

Provide only the three primary colors of red, yellow, and blue and a palette for mixing. Encourage your child to experiment mixing colors together rather than predicting for them what combinations will yield. Think of it as early science practice!

Rainbow Colors

Tune: Hush, Little Baby

Rainbow purple, rainbow blue
Rainbow green and yellow too
Rainbow orange, rainbow red
Rainbow smiling overhead.

Come and count the colors with me
How many colors can you see?
One, two, three, down to green
Four, five, six can be seen

Rainbow purple, rainbow blue
Rainbow green and yellow too
Rainbow orange, rainbow red
Rainbow smiling overhead.



I Can Be An Artist

I can be an artist,
An artist, an artist,
I can be an artist,
And draw a shape like this!

Draw a shape in the air and ask your child to name it. Then ask them to draw it too! Can they draw it big? Really small?

Marble Painting

Lay a piece of paper in a shallow box, cake pan, or tray. Dab a few drops of paint and add one or more marbles. The key to success is to not add too much paint!

Invite your child to tip the box side to side so the marble runs through the paint, leaving a track on the paper. If the marble won't roll easily, try again with less paint. Experiment with different colors and marble sizes.

Stampapalooza

Gather miscellaneous materials like sponges, bubble wrap, forks, or even a potato sliced in half to use as stamps. Provide your child with a thin layer of paint on a shallow palette such as a plastic lid or plate and get stamping!



I Spy

"I Spy with my little eye something that's... fluffy! Chartreuse! Spinning!" Play with descriptive words around the house or on the go, taking turns with your child to describe things you encounter. Can you guess what's slimy?

Paste Puppet

Add a little bit of school glue to some paint for this month's puppet. After your child has painted their paper bag, embellishments such as paper, feathers, and yarn will stick easily to the sticky paint.

