



Extensions

FOR ART WORKSHOPS

Teachers & Parents

Teachers and Parents often say to us:

“Our children had so much fun at your workshop. What can we do to further encourage this interest in the arts?”

To assist you, we have compiled a number of fantastic activities you can do with your children, both within & outside of the classroom, to encourage their life long learning and have a little fun!

Visit an art gallery or museum or zoo!

Suggestions and online info @:

- www.niagarafallsartgallery.ca
- www.niagarachildrensmuseum.ca
- www.ago.net (The Art Gallery of Ontario)
- www.gallery.ca
(National Gallery of Canada)
- www.rom.on.ca (Royal Ontario Museum)
- www.niagaramuseums.ca
- www.mcmichael.com
- www.torontozoo.com
- www.reptillia.org
- www.ripleyaquariums.com/canada/
- www.birdkingdom.ca

Visit a live theatre/musical performance or go to the movies!

Check out websites on:

- Art (ex: Art Attack! Or a Gallery!)
- Animals, Insects, Dinosaurs
- Popular Cartoons (ex Disney, Nickelodeon)
- Civilizations (BCE-CE)
(Egypt, China Medieval)
- Science (ex: www.billnye.com)
- Outer Space (www.nasa.gov)

Remember parent/teacher supervision is suggested and besides it's a great way to learn together!

Visit local public offices such as:

- City Hall
- A Fire Station
- A Police Station
- A Hospital
- A Post Office
- The Library

Read together before bedtime or anytime that works for you:

- Comic Books
- Magazines
- Children's Literature
- The Newspaper
- Fairy Tales

Create your own treasure hunts in the classroom, backyard or public spaces for:

- Fossils, Flowers, Leaf types, Insects
- Primary, Secondary, Warm & Cool Colours
- Tertiary colours in nature
- Repetitive shapes
- Found objects to turn into art projects (ex: rocks, sticks, flowers, cardboard, cans etc.)
- Relief and 3-D sculptures
(ex: side of buildings, trophy figures etc.)
- Various types of texture
(ex: smooth, bumpy, rough etc.)

Ask your children to teach you what they have learned! Have them teach a little lesson!

Create some unique projects such as:

- A Bat house for your yard
- Make Home-made clay with equal parts flour, salt & water!
- Create a sculpture at home using materials you have available (ex: lego, geoblocks etc.) Explore height, width and depth in your sculptures! Extend your discussion to include positive (occupied) and negative (unoccupied) space!
- Use cut out magazine pictures showing parts of a landscape or face and recreate the missing parts by drawing them in!
- Make a mini planetarium with a cardboard box and flashlight!
- Make dried or pressed flowers, create a floral bouquet or plant flowers in your garden!
- Take photos in black & white or with a special filter to look at things in a new way!
- Get some coloured chalk and draw a sidewalk or driveway mural!
- Set up some clear glasses with the Primary Colours using water and food colouring; mix two of them together to explore making Secondary Colours!
- Get some washable bathtub crayons to make bath time murals!
- Create a play, make a puppet show or even have a dance party!