



Encouraging Creativity In Young Children

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Indoor Activities

- Work puzzles
- Play with play dough
- Read or look at picture books
- Make construction paper chains
- Draw with washable markers
- Cut and paste magazine pictures to make scrapbooks
- Build words with magnetic letters
- Play dress-up
- Throw a quilt over a couple of chairs for a makeshift tent
- Have a tea party
- Make recycled crafts from tin cans, shoeboxes, popsicle sticks, etc.
- Sort beads or buttons by color
- Make pipe cleaner creations
- Turn a big cardboard box into a fort
- Cut out paper snowflakes
- Spread shaving cream on a table top and use fingers to draw in it
- Make crayon rubbings
- Build with blocks or Legos
- Punch holes in recycled greeting cards and use for lacing
- Make sock puppets
- Paint with water colors

Outdoor Activities

- Draw with sidewalk chalk
- Blow soap bubbles
- Dig in a sandbox
- Build "fairy huts" from sticks, stones, and moss
- Jump rope
- Play freeze tag
- Pick dandelions
- Swing
- Ride a bike (or tricycle)
- Try walking on tin can stilts
- Make mud pies
- Practice cartwheels
- Lay in the hammock and think
- Play hopscotch
- Go on a nature hike—
- Paint on sidewalk with water
- Climb trees
- Hunt frogs or lizards
- Collect leaves or rocks
- Balance on one foot like a pink flamingo
- Chase lightning bugs
- Play in the water sprinkler
- Go cloud or star gazing