

Wings

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Family Fun



“Children must be taught how to think, not what to think.”

– Margaret Mead

INFANT Inspiration

Sharing Visual Arts - When babies are very small, they like to look at edges, stripes, and patterns. Some research suggests that babies who depend on their eyes for information develop a little bit of extra attention to and interest in things that they see. So share visually appealing books and art with your child now so they will appreciate the visual arts forever.

TODDLER Tales

Art Projects with Minimal Mess - Mess Free Collage - All you need is sticky-backed contact paper and items from around the house, such as pictures from magazines, paper scraps, feathers, or anything else that's lightweight and flat. Let your child place their materials on the sticky contact paper and create their own original artwork. When they're finished, cut another strip of contact paper and seal their work.

PRESCHOOL Power

Making Musical Instruments - Let your preschooler flatten two tin pie plates and then decorate them with markers, stickers, glue, and glitter. Once the plates are dry your child can lead the band with their own personalized cymbals.



Supporting Creativity

Creativity is the freest form of self-expression. All children need to be truly creative is the freedom to make whatever activity they are doing their own. Remember that **supporting your child's creativity means that you must truly appreciate their unique form of self-expression** focusing on their creative process rather than their final product.

To support your child's creativity, give them plenty of opportunities to engage with open-ended materials and provide lots of time to explore the materials and pursue their ideas. This includes time to think about how to plan, design, construct, experiment, and revise their work.

You can build your child's self confidence by exhibiting their work in a prominent place in your home and by providing positive feedback on their efforts.

