

February

THEME: Imagine It, Make It **FOCUS:** Children learn how imagination and creativity shape our world.

ALPHABET KNOWLEDGE

M, N, O, & P

Using lines and curves, practice making the letters above with pipe cleaners.

LET'S GET PHYSICAL!

Have a dance party to some of your favorite songs!

TALK ABOUT IT

Use sentence starters to help children use complete sentences in discussions about building, creativity, and imagination.

Once I imagined that...

I have a tool box with...

I know how to make...

My make-believe day would start with...

VOCABULARY WORDS

Pretend
Visualize
Structure
Bridge
Construct
Plan
Music
Design

BOOK LIST	 By: Crockett Johnson	 By: Denise Fleming	 BY: Gavin Bishop	 By: Lloyd Moss
DISCUSSION TOPICS	Talk about how we use our imagination to play and create.	Talk about what tools are and how we use them to create and build.	Discuss the different large structures people build, such as houses, roads and bridges.	Talk about the different forms of art, such as drawing, painting, sculpting, dancing and music.
CREATIVE ART IDEAS	BOX CREATION: Turn a box from your recyclables into a special creation using crafting supplies (paper, feathers, straws, pipe cleaners, tape, glue).	MAKE A NEW TOOL: Lay out various materials (paper towel roll, felt, paper, straws, pipe cleaners, tape, glue) and use your imagination to make your own tool.	BUILD A 3D STRUCTURE: Use different materials (straws, playdough, popsicle sticks, pipe cleaners) to build a structure.	PAPER PLATE TAMBORINE: Decorate your plate, fold it in half and stuff with cotton balls then staple. Punch some holes on the curved side and tie little jingle bells with yarn or string.

ENHANCED LEARNING

LEARN THROUGH PLAY

- Build different structures using Legos and blocks.
- Pretend to be astronauts taking a trip on a rocket ship.
- Gather toy instruments and play in a band with your family.
 - Start an art journal using a notebook.

MATH AND SCIENCE

- Hide ten items around the room and have your child find them, counting them as they collect them.
- Present different items to your child and have them determine if it was made by people or made by nature.
- Listen to different types of music and have your child describe the different sounds they hear.

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