

BE CREATIVE

Caregiver Handout



What your child learned this week:

Skills:	Content:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Critical Thinking• Growth Mindset• Print Awareness• Vocabulary	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Creative problem solving• Value of making mistakes• Value of imaginative thinking

Activities to do at home to reinforce this week's learning goals:

- Create a dress-up box to encourage imaginative play.
- Help your child create a blanket fort.
- Play Crazy Questions: Ask your child questions that they must use their imagination to answer: What superpower do you want? Why? What kind of animal would you like to be? If you could only eat one food for the rest of your life, which food would it be? If you had a pet elephant, where would you keep it? What would you do with it?
- String art: pour poster paint into a dish. Have your child dip a string into the paint and then onto a piece of paper. Repeat as often as they like. Point out to your child that you never know how it will turn out, and there is no way to make a mistake.

Recommended books to read with your child to reinforce this week's learning goals:

- *Beautiful Oops* by Barney Saltzberg (Workman Publishing Co 2010) A mistake is an adventure in creativity, a portal of discovery. A spill doesn't ruin a drawing, not when it becomes the shape of a goofy animal. And an accidental tear in your paper? Don't be upset about it when you can turn it into the roaring mouth of an alligator.
- *Lift* by Minh Le (Disney Hyperion, 2020) A little girl dealing with sibling jealousy finds that she has access to a magical world via an elevator button.
- *Ella Sara Gets Dressed* by Margaret Chodos-Irvine (Harcourt, 2003) A young girl expresses her big sense of style by getting dressed on her own. Creativity comes in many forms - even when getting dressed.