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Design Your Own Board Game

Instead of playing an old board game, make your own to play with the family! This activity is great for many age groups because it can be as simple or complex as they want! With your child, you can help them design a game that reinforces counting and math skills, critical thinking, and more.

Materials:

- Cardboard or construction paper
- Crayons and markers
- Small toys
- Dice

Directions:

1. First, decide what your board game will be about. Will it take place in outer space, the zoo, or your school?
2. Use a piece of cardboard to draw the game path. It can be a windy road or a spiral around the board! Don't forget to add in a few challenges along the way!
3. Then, choose some small toys to be the game pieces. Make sure there are enough for everyone!
4. Next, make a list of rules and decide what the winner's prize will be.
5. Finally, grab your dice and get started!

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Mosaic Rainbow

A mosaic is a piece of art that uses small pieces, or glass, tile, or other hard materials. You can make your own mosaic from home by using ripped up pieces of construction paper, tissue paper, or magazine cutouts. This craft is also a great opportunity to add to your rainbow art for #518RainbowHunt!

Materials:

- Scissors
- Construction paper, tissue paper, magazines
- Glue
- Crayons or colored pencils

Directions:

1. First, start by ripping or cutting small pieces of red, orange, yellow, green, blue, purple, and white paper, tissue paper, or magazines.
2. Once you have your mosaic pieces cut out, draw an outline of your rainbow on a sheet of construction paper.
3. Start creating your rainbow by gluing on the red pieces. Continue gluing for each color of the rainbow.
4. When the rainbow is complete, use the white mosaic pieces to add some clouds at the bottom.
5. Then hang in the window so people passing by can see your wonderful rainbow art!

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Colored Rice Sensory

Sensory play is a great way for your child to develop fine motor skills, hand-eye coordination, and critical thinking skills. With colored rice sensory they'll be able to practice color identification and use the rice for arts and craft projects when they're done!

Materials:

- Rice
- Food coloring
- Jar or container with a lid
- Paper towels
- Measuring cups and spoons
- Plate or tray
- Bin

Directions:

1. First, add a teaspoon of food coloring to the jar.
2. Add in 1 cup of uncooked rice then fasten the lid and start shaking.
3. When all of the rice is covered in food coloring, lay the rice on a plate or tray covered with a paper towel.
4. Let the rice dry out then add to a bin and start playing!

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We're Going on a Bear Hunt by Michael Rosen and Helen Oxenbury

We're Going on a Bear Hunt is one of our favorite books here at CMAS! Add some craft time to this story by making a pair of binoculars using toilet paper rolls. Use the binoculars the next time you go on a walk and see what you can find!

Materials:

- Toilet paper rolls
- Crayons and markers
- Stickers
- String or yarn
- Hole punch
- Tape or glue

Directions:

1. Read the story We're Going on a Bear Hunt by Michael Rosen and Helen Oxenbury
2. Decorate two toilet paper rolls with markers, crayons, stickers, and any other craft supplies you have at home.
3. Next, use glue or tape to attach the two toilet paper rolls together.
4. Hole punch the outside of each toilet paper roll.
5. Then, cut a long piece of string or yarn and tie each side to the binoculars. Now you're ready to go on a bear hunt!



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Gumdrop Bridge STEM Challenge

Building a gumdrop bridge is the perfect STEM challenge for little engineers.

Materials:

- Gumdrops
- Toothpicks
- Books or anything that can be used as a weight

Directions:

1. Use gum drops and toothpicks to build a bridge that can hold weight.
2. Start constructing the bridge by sticking toothpicks in the gumdrops to create and connect shapes.
3. Once you've constructed the bridge it's time to test! Grab a book or toy to see how much weight your bridge can hold.
4. Keep doing weight tests and improving the bridge!