

Theme 5: My Art Is Me / Week 4

My Art Is Me

This week, children will use their imagination to be artists, musicians, storytellers, and dancers.

Word of the Week: creative

Being creative means having the ability to make new things or think of new ideas.

Use the Word of the Week at home. You might say: *I like the way that you put the vegetables on the platter. That is very creative.*

A Tent of My Own

Provide sheets and blankets and challenge your child to build a tent. One simple idea is simply to drape the sheet over a small table. Encourage your child to be creative and think of a new tent support, then enjoy reading a book inside the tent together.

A One-of-a-Kind Card

Encourage your child to make a thank-you card, birthday card, or a just “thinking of you” card for a friend or family member. Provide a folded paper and art supplies. If your child asks, assist in writing a message on the card. Be sure to have the artist sign the special creation.

Pebble Math

As you and your child are walking outside, collect some small pebbles. Use these pebbles to practice counting out sets. Show four fingers and say: *Count out a set of four pebbles.* Match fingers and pebbles to make sure that there are four in each set. Repeat the activity starting with a different number of fingers and have your child count out a set of pebbles to match the new number. Ask: *What strategy will you use to keep track of your pebbles?*

My Hobbies

Share your creative hobbies with your child. Do you draw or paint? Do you knit or crochet or quilt? Do you bake and decorate cakes? Do you like to garden? Do you work with wood? Invite your child to try out some aspect or technique used in your hobby. Encourage your child to develop a hobby, too.

More Words to Know

artist

create

imagination

keep track

match

strategy

technique

Coming Next Week: We will begin a new theme focusing on different ways that we move from place to place.