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5 Let your child try a green fruit today. Will it be an apple, grapes, avocado, pear or kiwi?	6 Dentist Day	7 Look for things around the house that are green. Make a list and count how many items were found.	8 International Women's Day	9 Popcorn Lover's Day	10 Day of Awesomeness	11 Johnny Appleseed Day
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19 Help your child draw three triangles. Talk about how many sides a triangle has.	20 First Day of Spring	21 World Poetry Day	22 National Goof Off Day	23 National Chip and Dip Day	24 To celebrate the new season, read a book about spring	25 Waffle Day
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Outer Space Art

We've taken space exploration to new artistic heights with this creative art project that uses materials found around the house. Your child will be amazed at what happens when he dips colorful chalk in water and draws all over dark paper. Along with exploring colors and drawing, he'll learn more about outer space and all the exciting things found there. You'll be left with a beautiful painting to decorate your home back on Earth.

What You Need:

- Black construction paper
- Various colors of chalk
- Cup of water



What You Do:

1. Invite your child to research outer space by heading to the local library or going online and all the amazing things found in our universe. From planets to stars to meteors, space is full of awesome formations.
2. Fill a cup with a bit of water and then dip the end of the chalk into the water and then use it to draw on the dark paper. How does the water change the chalk?
3. Encourage your child to continue dipping and drawing with his chalk thinking about line and design while working on his outer space creation.
4. The finished space artwork can be displayed in his room reminding him of all the exciting things found in our universe!

Did you know that the first pictures of Earth as seen from space were taken in 1946? The pictures were taken from a missile launched from the deserts of New Mexico, and the event changed the future of space exploration!

Make a Handprint Butterfly

Show your child the natural beauty of butterflies in this fun art activity. She'll make a print of a butterfly using her hand as a tool—a great way to stimulate her sense of touch. This spring-inspired activity provides a means for her to understand the basic art processes involved in printmaking, delve into the wonders of symmetry, and even learn about the buggy science behind these magnificent winged creatures.

What You Need:

- Tempera paints
- Paint brush
- Construction paper (in a light color)

What You Do:

1. Ask your child to choose a color for her butterfly. This can either be imaginative or a realistic hue from a photograph.
2. Have her fold the construction paper in half.
3. Help her to paint one hand in its entirety.
4. Ask her to place her painted hand onto the paper with her fingers spread open. Make sure her thumb is in the middle on the crease.
5. She can remove her hand, and then quickly fold the paper in half (like a book). Press firmly.
6. Open the paper to reveal a symmetrical butterfly shape.
7. Have her add an antenna, eyes, and patterns to the butterfly using her paint-dipped fingers. Set aside to dry.

Make sure she displays it on the wall for all to see!

For a follow up activity, try a size comparison exercise. Ask other family members with different sized hands (including yourself) to make the same project. Hang the butterflies next to each other and ask your child to name the small, medium, and large-sized butterflies.



RAINBOW WAFFLES

Follow these easy, colorful waffles with whipped cream clouds to the end of the rainbow!

Ingredients:

- Bisquick (or any waffle mix)
- Food Coloring
- Whipped Cream

Directions:

Prepare waffle batter as directed on box, divide it into six different bowls. Use some food coloring to make each one nice and vibrant. Be sure to portion these so that the larger colors have a little extra batter.



Spoon each color into a Ziplocks and just cut the end off, OR just spoon in the batter onto the waffle iron.



Then quickly pour the batter into your waffle maker. I started at the outside (red) and worked my way in.



Then repeat with additional rainbow waffles, and then cut each one in half.



Add whipped topping and serve! (as a bonus you can add Lucky Charms for a "treasure" at the end of the rainbow.)

