Rogers Elementary School
Contingency Art Activities

Art Lessons/activities are posted on the Rogers Canvas art course pages. If you are looking for additional art activities, here are some ideas:

K-2 Art Activities for When You’re Stuck at Home

- Create art that tells a story. Explain to a family member.
- Go on a scavenger hunt, identify the primary and secondary colors.
- Create your own art gallery for display.
- Use an unexpected material to make art.
- Draw a landscape using a horizon line that shows space.
- Organize toys into warm and cool colors.
- Draw a self portrait.
- Invent something to fix a problem (example: toothpaste tube squeezer)
- Draw a picture, then cut it into pieces to make a puzzle
- Draw something from real life, without looking at your paper
Create an art print by dipping found materials (Legos, cardboard, sponges, etc.) into paint, then pressing onto paper.

Put paper over a texture (brick, tree bark) and rub a crayon onto the paper.

Look at different styles of architecture then draw different buildings, build with legos or boxes or make a fort. Choose how you want to make your own architecture.

**Go outside and draw what you see.** Use what you see with your eyes to guide you through a real life drawing, look for basic shapes in objects, press lightly with your pencil so erasing mistakes is easy, think about space when drawing, are things farther away in your picture? How do you show that?

**Draw a portrait of someone in your family.** Remember what you know about a portrait, start off with an upside down egg shape and go from there. Add the neck and shoulders, now you’re ready for smaller details. Start to slowly sketch out the facial features, eyes (shaped like a football), the mouth is a stretched out m, the ears like half hearts, etc. Pay attention to what makes us all different while you draw, some people have bigger eyes, fuller eyebrows, skinny chins, small ears, etc..

**Create a Landscape of anywhere but here.** Landscapes can look quite different depending on where you live. Here in Indiana we see trees, pine trees, lakes, sunshine, rain and snow, bluffs, etc... But other states look much different. Ask someone in your family or research what other states in the US look like? Maybe your uncle can tell you about what Arizona looks like? Maybe you went to Texas to visit your grandma and you choose to draw the kind of things you saw outdoors there. In Hawaii you might see palm trees but in Alaska it could be huge pines. Be creative with your location: a swamp, or...

**Look around for shapes.** Look around your home, inside and outside, for different shapes to draw. Some should be geometric (shapes with names like circles, squares, hearts, etc.) and some should be organic (shapes without names, like cloud shapes, paint splats, etc.) After practicing these shapes for a while, put these shapes all together in one picture and overlap them. Try to use all the space in your picture and draw your shapes big. After you have done all your shapes, begin to design each shape. Start with a pattern in each shape, every time you hit a line (the outside of the shape or the line of another shape overlapping) change patterns. These patterns could be made up of shapes, lines, numbers, or letters. It’s up to you.

**Make a new animal.** Think about different kinds of animals, animals that fly, live in the ocean, live on the land, live in the desert, etc., in your head create a new animal, an animal that might be part one animal and part another. Maybe you think about what features of each animal might be important for your animal... are they important because they look cool? Or for your animals survival? Maybe your animal has wings, horns and a tail... Most anything creative should work!

**City made of candy.** Using what you’ve learned in Art about drawing a city slowly start to sketch one out. Try using a ruler to make your lines straight. If you don’t have a ruler you can use the edge of a book or box or anything straight you can trace a line by! Once
your city is sketched out focus on one building at a time. Come up with a candy/sweet you can draw and fill that building to look like it.

- Draw three shapes. Turn them into Shape Monsters. Add eyes, nose, mouth, tongues, fangs, claws, wings, tails, horns, scales, fur, etc.
- Warm colors = Yellow/orange/red/pink. Cool colors = green/blue/purple. Find warm and cool colors around your home. Draw a picture using only cool colors then fold it into a Cool Colors Fan for cooling yourself.
- Pick a theme, collect objects around your home, and Create an “I Spy” arrangement. Photograph. Text/Email the “I Spy” photo and list of things to find to friends and family.
- Gather nature objects (sticks, stones, pinecones, seed pods, leaves, etc.). Use them to create Land Art.
- Create your own animal. Where will the new animal live? What parts does it need to survive there? Eyes, teeth, mouth, beak, neck, wings, fins, legs, tail, fur, scales, horns, spikes, claws, fingers, antennae, shell, etc. Name your creature. Draw its habitat.
- Carefully observe something inside or outside your home. Draw it using lots of details and texture. Add color if you can.
- Draw a Landscape. Is it real or imaginative, day or night, nature only or human built, with animals or people?
- Draw a portrait of yourself, your pet, or someone in your home. In the background draw things the person/pet likes (food, toys, games, clothes, hobbies, etc)
- Use your own art to create an Art Gallery.

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