**Hello To My Amazing Artists:**

Mr. Johnson here! Firstly students, I MISS YOU and hope you’re safe with your Family during this time! I’m hoping we will see each other soon. Secondly Parents, the proceeding shares a few ways to get your kids creativity flowing while at home, staying active in the visual arts. The options and choices provided here hopefully foster inventiveness and will help keep their minds and hands bustling in routines that don’t involve only video games. I’m thinking that students try and dedicate at least 30 minutes a week to art making, (but I know there’s a few of you that will spend way more)!

These first options are called **Art Choice Boards!**

Parents and family members please help your student choose an option they are comfortable with! The two boards are alike but have subtle differences-pick your favorite and be creative! They can save their work and share at a later date or you can email a digital image to me.

***Pick and complete one or two activities per week and you are set!***

**Color in the boxes that you complete.**

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| Trace your hand.  Fill it in with at least 5 different patterns. | Make a house out of playing cards. Make it as tall as you can! | Make a face collage. Use magazines to cut out different facial features. | Texture Hunt  Lay paper over an object and rub it with the side of a crayon. Find 10 different textures. | Design a Mansion  Draw it or use legos or other building materials to build it. |
| Color Hunt  How many things can you find that are the same color? Lay them out and count them. | Self Portrait  Sit in front of a mirror and draw a picture of yourself. | Toy Portrait  Draw your favorite toy or stuffed animal. | Make an animal sculpture out of tin foil. | Printmaking  Put paint on the bottom of objects and stamp (“print”). Ideas: celery stalk, forks, soda bottom, scrub brushes. |
| Scribble Art  Make a scribble with a crayon. Add paper eyes. Draw arms and legs and give them a name! | Handprint Art  Dip your hand in paint and press onto paper. What can you turn it into? | Design a Card  for someone you love and send it to them! | Make a face out of found objects. Start with something round and add from there. | Draw or Paint a rainbow or hearts and hang it in your front window or on your front door to spread cheer to others. |
| Create a fairy garden in a flower pot or some other container. | Recreate a famous painting using items and clothing. Find a photo online or in a book for inspiration. | Edible Art  Make something artistic out of food and then eat it! | Draw yourself as a Superhero  What powers would you have? What would you look like? Maybe even make a comic strip! | Dream Home  Design your dream home. Start with drawn, attached squares or other shapes and change them from there.  Include all the details! |
| Design a car of the future. Imagine a car 100 years from now. What will it look like? | Design a new toy.  Think of your favorite toys. What would the Best toy be? | Photograph the Elements of Art  Use your device to snap a picture of the elements in the next box ---> | Line, Shape, Color, Texture, Value (a change from light to dark), Space (like a view outside), and Form (3D) | Make a Magic Wand out of a twig. Add some ribbon or glitter or paint or anything that makes it magical! |

**Art at Home Choice Board 2**

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| **Trace your Hand.**  **Fill it with at least 5 different Patterns.** | **Make a House out of Playing Cards, Make it as tall as you can.** | **Make a Face Collage. Use magazine photos of different faces & combine different features.** | **Texture Hunt.**  **Lay paper over an object and rub over it with the side of a crayon. Find 10 different Textures.** | **Design a Mansion using Legos. Make it as big and colorful as you can.** |
| **Color Hunt.**  **How many things can you find in your house that are all the same color?**  **Lay them out and count them.** | **Self Portrait.**  **Draw a picture of yourself.** | **Draw your**  **Favorite Toy, or try to design your own new toy. What would it look like?** | **Make an Animal Sculpture out of**  **Tin Foil.** | **Do Printmaking w/household items. Ideas: The bottom of a bunch of Celery, forks, scrub brushes, bottom of a pop bottle.** |
| **Scribble Art:**  **Make a scribble with a crayon. Add some paper eyes. Draw arms & legs. Now it's a Scribble Critter!** | **Handprint Art:**  **Dip your hand in paint and press it onto paper. What can you turn it into?** | **Design a Card**  **For someone you love and send it to them!** | **Make a Face**  **Out of Found Objects. Start with something round (like a plate). Add on from there.** | **Draw or Paint a Rainbow! Hang it in your window or on your front door to help spread some cheer to others.** |
| **Create a Fairy Garden in a flower pot or some other container.** | **Recreate a Famous Painting using items of clothing. Find a photo online for inspiration.** | **Edible Art:**  **Make something artistic or colorful out of food. Then eat it!** | **Color Mixing:**  **Use Red, Blue, and Yellow food coloring to make more colors.** | **Draw a Picture of your House. Use as many details as possible.** |
| **Pizza Face:**  **Make your own pizza with a face. Monster, Alien, Emoji, Animal, or whatever.** | **Draw a Paw Print.**  **Make it as big and colorful as you can.**  **Go Panthers!** | **Photograph the Elements of Art. Use your device to take photos of things that feature the Elements listed in the next box. →** | **Line, Shape, Color, Texture, Value (a change from light to dark), Space (like a view outside), Form (3D)** | **Draw yourself as a SuperHero.**  **What powers would you have?** |
| **Design a Car for the future. Imagine a car 100 years from now. What will it look like?** | **Draw an Animal with your non-dominant hand.** | **Make a Magic Wand out of a twig. Add some ribbon or glitter or paint or other items.** | **Make a Sculpture out of an empty Cereal Box.** | **What can you turn a Toilet Paper Roll into? Use your imagination.** |

The next sections rely on connections to the Internet. They involve artistic ideas, art interactives, visits to museums, You-tube follows, and even a recipe or two for home made clay!.

**More Art Enrichment Activities!**

Play Pictionary against Google! [https://quickdraw.withgoogle.com](https://quickdraw.withgoogle.com/)/

* Here is a link to make your own homemade clay with very few ingredients: <https://www.highlightskids.com/activities/crafts/make-> homemade-clay

▪ There are tons of videos on YouTube with directions on how to make various sculptures with clay. Parents, please be there to help your artist navigate. Here are a few ideas:

• Dinosaur: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PNkwfzWqprU>

• Peacock: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GOv0Tp6YXhE>

• Octopus: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CnRPE6h_zcw>

• Elephant: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=71hFvc_g7LI>

DRAW ALONGS- <https://www.youtube.com/user/ArtforKidsHub>

A few how-to SLIME videos: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l_5S806TaLA>, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZuabG4_vAoY>

Fun art and artist History for Kids:

<https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=mati+and+dada>

[**PINTEREST**](https://www.pinterest.com/search/pins/?rs=ac&len=2&q=homeschool%20art%20curriculum%20lesson%20plans&eq=art%20lesson%20at%20home&etslf=10634&term_meta%5b%5d=homeschool%7Cautocomplete%7C1&term_meta%5b%5d=art%7Cautocomplete%7C1&term_meta%5b%5d=curriculum%7Cautocomplete%7C1&term_meta%5b%5d=lesson%7Cautocomplete%7C1&term_meta%5b%5d=plans%7Cautocomplete%7C1) IS ALWAYS FULL OF IDEAS!

**3 AND 4 YEAR-OLD PRE-SCHOOLERS ART IDEAS:**

<https://www.prekinders.com/category/art-ideas/>

**INTERACTIVE IDEAS**

<http://weavesilk.com/?fbclid=IwAR22BDEU7ujBjeryHms9a5J-o-IraeAcNDmJV1exMDOTQqpFm0g40RPaAxU> very cool symmetry drawing!

<http://bomomo.com/> Move your mouse and create!

* Advanced digital art making options: <https://sketch.io/sketchpad/>Sketchpad is very cool!. Create your own digital art from scratch with this website. There are options for text, clip art, shapes, etc.
* <http://kidsthinkdesign.org/index.html> explores careers in the arts from graphic design to

architecture to fashion design. Choose a career and explore the basics of each career, meet a designer, and even design a project.

When looking for art-related ideas I frequently search ARTSONIA.. <https://www.artsonia.com/>

***Bored and want to go to an Art Museum?***

*Most of these museum sites have kid-friendly interactive areas to explore…*

<https://www.clevelandart.org/artlens-gallery>

<https://www.albrightknox.org/community/ak-innovation-lab/artgames-20>

**TATE MUSEUM**

 London, England

[Tate Kids](https://www.tate.org.uk/kids)

Tate Kids is a dedicated website from [Tate](https://www.tate.org.uk/) for kids about art. Here kids can play games and quizzes, watch videos about art and be inspired to make their own creations at home. Kids can also share their own artwork with other children around the world in the [Gallery](https://www.tate.org.uk/kids/gallery).

**THE NATIONAL GALLERY OF ART**

  Washington D.C.

[NGAkids App](https://www.nga.gov/education/kids.html)  (Apple only app)

The NGAkids Art Zone app contains eight interactive activities inspired by works in the collection of the National Gallery of Art, plus a sketchbook for freehand drawing and a personal exhibition space where users can save and display art created with the program.

**THE METROPOLITAN MUSEUM OF ART**

  New York, NY

[MetKids](https://www.metmuseum.org/art/online-features/metkids/)

Welcome to the home of #MetKids, made for, with, and by kids and The Met!

* Explore The Met using an interactive map
* Watch behind-the-scenes videos that feature kids just like you
* Travel through more than 5,000 years of art in our time machine
* Discover fun facts about works of art—from dragons to dancers, and from mummies to masks and more!
* Try out creative projects for at home or in the galleries

**MoMA**

  New York, NY

[Art-Making Activities Families Can Do at Home | Magazine](https://www.moma.org/magazine/articles/254)

For kids ages six and over, MoMA rounded up some of their favorite drawing, collage, audio, and movement activities inspired by artworks in their collection.

[MoMA Kids](https://www.moma.org/audio/playlist/2)

Look, listen, and discover with audio for kids

[Destination Modern Art](https://www.moma.org/interactives/destination/)

Destination Modern Art is an online intergalactic journey: Travel to MoMA and MoMA PS1 with an alien creature! For kids ages five to eight.

**THE J. PAUL GETTY MUSEUM**

 Los Angeles, CA

[To Do at Home (Education at the Getty)](https://www.getty.edu/education/kids_families/do_at_home/index.html)

Games, Read about Art, and art projects

**SMITHSONIAN**

Washington D.C.

[Fun Stuff for Kids and Teens](https://www.si.edu/kids)

Learn with Smithsonian: activities, games, Art meets Science, and more!

**SAN FRANCISCO MUSEUM of MODERN ART**

 San Francisco, CA

[Country Dog Gentlemen Travel to Extraordinary Worlds &mid…](https://www.sfmoma.org/series/countrydogs/)

In the video series The Country Dog Gentlemen Travel to Extraordinary Worlds, canine characters from Roy De Forest’s playful painting Country Dog Gentlemen take you on adventures to learn about famous artworks in SFMOMA’s collection.

Remember, I am here to provide support in any way that I can! Reach me at [majohnson@nfschools.net](mailto:majohnson@nfschools.net) .  We are all working together to make the best of this situation, so please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions or concerns! 

Creatively Yours,  Mr. Johnson

***HOME MADE MODEL MAGIC***

1 cup white glue,

1 cup of corn starch,

2 tablespoons of oil (I used baby oil but you can use canola),

2 tablespoons of white vinegar (you can use lemon juice too).

Add food coloring of your choice.(Optional)

Mix everything up in a bowl until no lumps then microwave for 15 seconds for 8-9 times stirring in between each 15 seconds.

Then knead it with oil or lotion on your hands.

Wrap in plastic and let sit for 24 hours.

Keep in bag when not in use.

Will air dry like model magic overnight.

Mr Johnson’s Famous Salt Dough!

In a large mixing bowl combine:

3 parts Flour

1 part Salt

1.5 parts water

Mix water in slowly, knead well!

Add food coloring for color, cinnamon for scent or potting soil for natural color.

Shape and let air dry for a couple days then paint with acrylics if desired!