

Simple, everyday activities to help develop your child's art skills

STANDARD: Creates and Appreciates Visual Arts

- ☐ **EXPLORE COLORS** Encourage your child to explore colors while drawing pictures with crayons. Ask: "What colors do you like?" "What does this color make you think of?" Be sure to hang your child's artwork.
- ☐ **USE SCISSORS** Using children's safety scissors, help your child to cut small pieces of different colors of paper. Make a design or a collage with the pieces.

STANDARD: Explores Music, Movement, and Dance

- ☐ **SING TOGETHER** Sing familiar songs together. Show your child how to clap along or repeat simple motions that go with the words.
- ☐ **MOVE TO MUSIC** Make up silly and creative ways to move to music. Ask: "How would a giraffe dance to this song? A fish?"

STANDARD: Participates in Dramatic Play

- ☐ **ACT IT OUT** Suggest ideas for pretend play. "Let's get your stuffed animals and have a birthday party!"
- ☐ **ROLE PLAY** Act out a real-life experience with your child, such as eating in a restaurant. Use household objects as props.
- ☐ **DRESS UP** Find clothing and props for dress-up (e.g., a button-up shirt for a scientist, a striped shirt for a tiger). Once your child is dressed, ask, "Who are you?" and adjust how you speak and act to fit.