

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

### STANDARD: Participates in Dramatic Play

- ☐ **ACT IT OUT** Suggest ideas for pretend play that encourage imagination. Say: "Let's pretend we're going on a treasure hunt! Where will we look? What will we find?"
- ☐ **ROLE-PLAY CAREERS** Have your child choose a career and act it out. Your child might want to pretend to be a doctor, dentist, scientist, or musician. Use toys and household objects as props.

### STANDARD: Creates Art

- ☐ **EXPLORE COLORS** Encourage your child to explore colors while drawing pictures. "What colors do you like?" "What does this color make you think of?" "Which colors make you feel happy?" Display your child's artwork.
- ☐ **MIX COLORS** Use watercolor paints and help your child mix colors. Ask: "What color do you get when you mix yellow and blue? What colors can you mix to make brown? What colors can you mix to make orange?"
- ☐ **MAKE A COLLAGE** Save scraps of paper from colorful magazines, cards, and wrappings. Keep the collection of papers handy for your child to cut pieces from and use to create collages.
- ☐ **SING OLD SONGS AND NEW** Sing familiar songs together. Identify the words in the song that rhyme. Ask your child to make up his or her own words for a song and sing them together.
- ☐ **TAKE MOVEMENT BREAKS** Take some time each day to have your child get up and move. Ask your child to make up silly and creative ways to move to music. "How would a giraffe dance to this song? A fish? A frog?"