

MY ART BAG

BLACK BOX FUND
ACTIVATING CREATIVE COMMUNITY SPACES

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Beyond Education. Beyond Expectations.

The ABC's of MILWAUKEE

1. Make alphabet flash cards – draw a picture of something that begins with each letter on a card.

2. Check out each place featured in the book online. There might be virtual tours available.

4. Create a 3D alphabet from recyclables.

3. Take a walk around your neighborhood and look for letters within architecture, signs, trees, fences, gates, cars, etc. Sketch these out on paper and make them into the ABC's of your Neighborhood!



5. Sing the alphabet song in the original way and then mix it up – do it in opera style, hip hop, rap, country and then create dance moves to go with it! Practice and perform.

6. Listen to the Variations on Twinkle Twinkle Little Star (ABC melody) by Mozart. Color or draw as you listen to each one and see the differences and similarities. Try to create a new variation!

7. Mix up– Fix up activity
Color each letter – use patterns and contrasting background colors. Cut them out and put them in order.

8. Use the mix up fix up sheet before you cut – get a die and game pieces (coins) and do a roll and play. When you land on a letter, come up with as many words as you can that start with that letter; the challenge would be to find words that end in that letter, shape your body like the letter, name an animal that starts with that letter, ideas are endless!

9. Create your own ABC's of Milwaukee Museum in your house. Draw a picture of each venue and place them around your house. Get your family to be your audience and you be the tour guide!

11. Use pennies to make letters – count the pennies and add how much each letter is worth. Challenge activity would be to add nickels, dimes, and quarters.

12. Create a city from recyclable materials, Legos and blocks. Name your city and the places that you would put in the ABC book of your city.

13. Write the letters in shaving cream, pudding, paint or soap bubbles. Be sure you get permission and help to do this!

15. Walk around your house and find items that begin with each letter of the alphabet. Use this list to create your very own ABC's of My House book.



10. Take an empty tissue box or baby wipe container and add a mouth around the opening, eyes above and cover with paper or cloth for the body. This is your monster. Feed the hungry alphabet monster by giving it letters written on circles of cardboard or caps – watch as he/she gobbles the letters up!



14. Cut letters out of magazines or junk mail and make an alphabet poster.



16. Draw each place that is featured in the book, cut out the picture and make a collage. Add words that describe (adjectives) to each drawing.



17. Using sidewalk chalk, write the alphabet in large letters on the sidewalk and jump from one letter to the other. As you land on a letter, shout it out, jump 5 times or do another movement and say something that begins with that letter. Write them mixed up or in order.

About the Project

Creative expression through art can bring a sense of calming, wonder and joy. During these uncertain times, we feel strongly that support for the arts, especially arts education for children, is critical to helping them deal with the unprecedented challenges they face daily.

Black Box Fund and **Arts @ Large** have collaborated to bring you “**My Art Bag**” project kits for children in Milwaukee. This series of six different bags for children ages 3 to 13 will contain a variety of art supplies, an age-appropriate book and art curriculum specifically tied to the book.

We hope that the contents of this bag will provide you and your child the opportunity to ignite the creative spark that lives in the heart of everyone – regardless of age.

Share your work with us! #MyArtBagMKE



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