

MY ART BAG

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Moon Rope

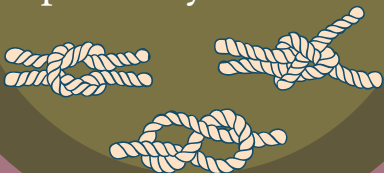
Lois Ehlert is the author and illustrator of the book, Moon Rope. She was inspired by ancient Peruvian artwork as well as folktales and the moon when she created the illustrations and wrote the story. She lives in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

1. Mole's favorite food is worms, worms, and more worms. Dig in the dirt or garden outside and see if you can find a worm. Create your very own worm habitat! <https://kidsgrowingstrong.org/worms/>



2. Research some fun facts about moles and foxes. Use the shape templates to create a fox and a mole and write the facts around each animal.

3. Practice braiding and knot tying using a rope. <https://bit.ly/2WEaGYv>



4. Use model magic to create the characters in the book. You can paint or use markers to add color and details to the dried clay pieces.

5. Discover facts about the moon and follow the patterns of the moon phases each night. Draw and label the nightly phases in a calendar or chart. <https://bit.ly/2ThIAkN>

6. Draw and cut out each phase of the moon using white paper, and tape or glue it to black paper. Add labels in chalk, white crayon, silver marker or pen.



7. Create masks using the template or paper bags of the characters. Then, act out the story.

<https://funcraftskids.com/leaf-crowns-animal-masks/>

8. Create a collage of animals or of outer space, or a combination of both. Use construction paper, shapes, and other materials like ribbon, magazines cutouts, or wrapping paper!

9. Learn about the country of Peru.
<https://kids.nationalgeographic.com/explore/countries/peru/>

10. Play Cat's Cradle string game! Create a new formation for the mole!

11. Make paper bag puppets and act out the story.

12. Listen to Lois Ehlert discuss her books and her art.

<https://bit.ly/3bg8HPp>

13. Brainstorm and write a list of other ways for Fox and Mole to reach the moon.



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 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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