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FOR PARENTS & EDUCATORS

## Creative Play

WITH MRS. CUNNINGHAM

### Learning Guide - Week 4

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- Live and pre-recorded programming for ages 3-12
- Daily, Monday-Friday at 11 am and 2 pm (CST) on [Bennett Day School's Facebook page](#)
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- Inspired by the principles of Reggio Emilia and Project-Based Learning (PBL)

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### WEEKLY SCHEDULE | WEEK 4

#### Creative Collages

This week we will create and play with collages - an art creation used in the Visual Arts by which we create art by assembling different materials to form different forms.

MON

**The World of Collage!** We will explore what the word collage means when we create art. We'll read about a famous collage artist, Henri Matisse, and create a collage by tearing or cutting paper.

TUES

**My Name in Collage!** We are going to collage our names! Using various materials, we will explore with tissue paper and examine how salt and watercolors interact.

WED

**Food Collages!** We will create "food collages" using our sense of touch and smell to do so! Do you like spaghetti or pizza? Choose one or both to explore in collage creating.

THURS

**Collaging at Home!** We will explore and find all the wonderful, shiny, and transparent materials we can find around your house to create a beautiful collage at home.

FRI

**A Nature Collage!** Collect leaves, twigs, and flowers petals from outside. We'll be using items found in nature together to create a nature collage.

INFO

Techniques of collage were first used at the time of the invention of paper in China, around 200 BC. The use of collage, however, wasn't used by many people until the 10th century in Japan, when calligraphers began to apply glued paper, using texts on surfaces, when writing their poems. The technique of collage appeared in medieval Europe during the 13th century.







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## Week 3

The World of Animal Habitats!

### CREATIVE PLAY

Creative Play with Mrs. Cunningham is a Reggio inspired creative and play-based exploration program for PreK to Grade 1 (Ages 3-6), where students can explore ideas and investigate the world they live in. Each day, Mrs. Cunningham inspires curiosity through home-based provocations and creative play, inspiring students to explore and develop their creative thinking. Children can join Mrs. Cunningham on a daily journey of creativity, stories, and play.

### MRS. CUNNINGHAM

For the past decade, Mrs. Cunningham has enjoyed being an educator in Early Childhood classrooms in the Chicagoland area, actively participating in the exploration and growth of many young children. Clare completed her undergraduate at Saint Mary's College in Notre Dame, Indiana, with a Bachelor's in Elementary Education. After spending some time in the classroom, she went back to study Child Development, receiving her Master's Degree from Erikson Institute in 2017. While teaching, Clare has always valued the importance of nurturing a child's innate curiosity in the early stages of their developmental learning.

### A CREATIVE PLAY & COZY CORNER

- Create a little cozy nook for your child to create, play, and learn in.
- Choose a quiet place and add a small table and bookshelf with books in easy reach to read from.
- Include craft supplies such as pencils, washable markers, paints, paper (white and colored), glue stick, crayons, and a pair of blunt tip scissors.
- Arrange stuffed animals, card games, coloring books, small toys, and a pillow or two.
- Include a small box for rubbish and another to store stuff from around the house that they can create with.

### MONDAY

**The World of Collage!** We will explore what the word collage means when we create art. We'll read about a famous collage artist, Henri Matisse, and create a collage tearing or cutting paper.

#### Equipment and Supplies

- Scissors
- Various colored construction paper
- Glue (liquid or glue stick)

#### Tips and Advice

Collaging uses fine motor control and focus to apply glue and tear or cut paper. Some may find it helpful to draw out shapes and designs before cutting or folding paper to create creases before tearing.





## TUESDAY

**My Name in Collage!** We are going to collage our names! Using various materials, we will explore with tissue paper and examine how salt and watercolors interact.

### Equipment and Supplies

Colored tissue paper, cookie sheet, salt, liquid glue, liquid watercolors paint (water with food coloring drops also work fine), large piece of cardboard or old piece of sanded wood, construction paper, paint.

### Tips and Advice

Modify by just creating a letter collage or the first letter in your child's name. If needed, help your child write his/her name large enough before the activity begins. Use a cookie sheet under the art when applying salt to minimize the mess.

## THURSDAY

**Collaging at Home!** We will explore and find all the wonderful, shiny, and transparent materials we can find around your house to create a beautiful collage at home.

### Equipment and Supplies

Transparent and shiny materials such as foil, sequins, old/unused or wanted cds, glitter, stickers, clear contact paper, tissue paper, trays, or containers for collage materials, and masking tape

### Tips and Advice

Hang up the collage in the window when finished and watch how light interacts with the materials.

## WEDNESDAY

**A Food Collage!** We will create "food collages" using our sense of touch and smell to do so! Do you like spaghetti or pizza? Choose one or both to explore in collage creating.

### Equipment and Supplies

#### PIZZA COLLAGE

- Paper plate, crayons, liquid glue, various spices (oregano, basil, garlic powder, etc).

#### SPAGHETTI COLLAGE

- Cold, cooked spaghetti, 3 or more large Ziploc bags, food coloring, construction paper

### Tips and Advice

Observe how spaghetti sticks to paper when dry

## FRIDAY


**A Nature Collage!** Collect leaves, twigs, and flowers petals from outside. We'll be using items found in nature together to create a nature collage.

### Equipment and Supplies

Liquid glue, various found items from outside (grass, flower petals, leaves, sticks). Something to use as your base for gluing may include a piece of wood, a flat rock, paper, cardboard, or contact paper.

### Tips and Advice

Choose old wood, a large and flat rock, cardboard, contact paper, or regular construction paper as your base for the collage.





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