

SUMMER ART CHALLENGE

Are you looking for a fun and exciting challenge this summer? These challenges are designed to keep the creative part of your brain playing over the summer. They might be fun for a rainy day or a family outing. Some of these may require adult supervision or help. Your mission if you choose to accept it is to complete as many of the challenges listed below.

Anyone who participates will have artwork displayed in the fall. The more challenges you complete, the more points you will earn. There are prizes for participation... the more points you earn, the better the prizes. Complete these in any order and be sure to bring in documentation of your creative work! To earn credit, bring in either a photo or the actual artwork.

1. Museum Outing: Visit an ART MUSEUM or GALLERY anywhere. Bring in a selfie of you at the museum, a sketch of an artwork or a postcard from the gift shop.
2. Summer Collage: Create a collage of your summer by collecting photos, maps, tickets, brochures, things from nature and drawings. Glue down your mementos, add words and drawing or paint colors to enhance your collage.
3. Read a graphic novel or comics: Go to your library and check out a book with images or comics. For older kids, two good suggestions are The Invention of Hugo Cabret or Wonderstruck by Brian Selznick. For younger kids, Garfield, Disney classics or Owly would be enjoyable. Ask your librarian for suggestions! Write a short review of the book or draw a bookmark about the book.
4. Play with an online drawing game. Print out your results. Here are some ideas: <http://mrdoob.com/projects/harmony>, <http://jacksonpollock.org>, www.picassohead.com, <http://bomomo.com>,
5. Take a summer art class or workshop. Bring in your artwork or photo of you at class.
6. Recycled Art: Find discarded objects around the house (old junk mail, pieces of wood scraps, random toys or old stickers you don't want anymore) and create a new inspiring collage or sculpture.
7. Environmental Art: Use leaves, rocks and other natural objects to make a piece of art. Look up the art of Andy Goldsworthy for ideas. Take a photo of your finished artwork.
8. Photomontage: Take lots of photos. With permission from your parents, cut out faces or parts of the pictures and combine them to create an interesting photomontage. Look up the photomontages of David Hockney if you need ideas.
9. Collaborative Artwork: Collaborate with a friend or family member and make a work of art together! Bring in a photo of you making art together or bring in the actual artwork.

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10. Sidewalk Chalk: Draw a chalk masterpiece on the sidewalk or look up a recipe to make chalk paint online. Take a photo of your artwork.
11. Stop Motion Animation: Research and learn how to use a stop motion animation app to create a short animation. Share it with your art class in the fall.
12. Fashion Design: Decorate a t-shirt or sew a piece of clothing. Ideas: tie-dye, stencils, sew something on it, paint pens or fabric paint.
13. Jewelry Design: Make something to wear. Ideas: friendship bracelets, shrinky dinks, paper, pop tabs, Rainbow Loom or beads.
14. Paint Something From Nature: Find the perfect rock, gourd, stick or leaves and add paint to them to decorate. Bring it in to share with your class!
15. Outdoor Sculpture: Create a sculpture that can be hung from a tree or placed in your garden. Take a photo or bring in the sculpture.
16. Musical Instrument: Create a musical instrument using materials around your house. Perform a song and record it! Bring in the instrument to show us.
17. Be An Architect: Using Legos, wood pieces, magnetic tiles or other building materials design a dream house or other unique building. Don't forget to take a photograph.
18. Edible Art: Decorate a cake or play with your food to make an artwork. Take a photo and then eat it!
19. Sketch on Location: Go to an interesting place such as a beach, the zoo or a festival. Sit down and draw some pictures of the people, things and activities that you see. Bonus points for color!
20. Your Choice: Come up with a creative activity to do by yourself or with your family. Bonus points if you make art with someone outside your immediate family such as a grandparent, aunt or cousin.

GOOD LUCK and HAVE FUN!

