

Tell Us a Story!

Writing

Write a story this month using many words, just like Jerome! You can write a short story or a long story. You decide!

Make sure you download the monthly Art Journal to get story starter prompts and word dice. There are three word dice in the portfolio packet. One die has characters you can add to your story. The second has adjectives to add to your story. The third die has actions to include in your story.

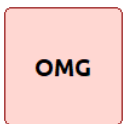
You decide how often to roll the dice (for every sentence or every other sentence?) You can also decide if you roll one, two, or all three dice at once. Finally, you decide how many times you are going to roll dice. Once? Twice? Or keep it spontaneous and roll whenever you feel like it!

We can't wait to hear your story!

Use the TAAP strategy and the suggested words below to talk about your art. Remember, keep your speech natural and let the art and conversation lead you.

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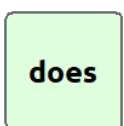
Talk about it



Oh my goodness!
OMG!
OMG, that's...

A

Ask a Question



Why **does** he...?
How **does** he...
What **does** he do next?

A

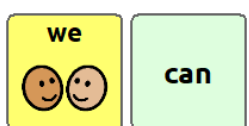
Acknowledge via Response



Me too!
Me too. I think...
Yes, **me too!**

P

Propel the conversation or Predict

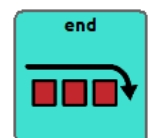
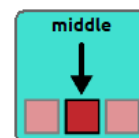


Yes, **we can** too!
We can read more.
We can keep reading.

Let's Learn About: Story Plot

The story plot is what happens in a story. A story's plot is made up of all the events that happen to the characters in the story.

A story can be broken down into different parts, including the introduction (or beginning), the rising action, falling action, climax, and resolution. At it's simplest, a story has a beginning where we find out what the problem is, a middle where all the action occurs, and an end where we find out what happens to the characters.



Have fun writing your stories this month!

Color Me a Poem!

Writing

Poetry is fun! Use the attached template to write your own rainbow poem.

Complete each line of the poem with whatever inspires you. You can write about a specific theme (like emotions, animals, or foods). You can specify the number of words in your response (for example, one-word responses only, two-word responses, etc.). Or whatever else comes to your mind!

Hav fun writing, reading, and sharing your rainbow poem!



Let's Write About It!

Now that you have created several wonderful works of art, let's reflect. Art makes us feel things, so let's write about it! Answer the questions below using the predictable chart to write about your art.

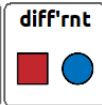
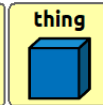
How do you feel about your art?

I feel _____



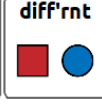
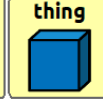
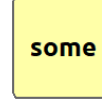
How does your art make you feel?

My art makes me feel _____



How do you want people to feel when they look at your art?

I want others to feel _____



Do you want to make more art like this?



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Let Your Pencil Flow

Let your creative juices flow with this inventive art project. Using a pencil or marker, you'll draw lines in any shape and direction you like. Then, you can color in your design with colored pencils, crayons, or paints. You can make it as simple or colorful as you like.

What You'll Need: Paper, Black pencil or marker, Crayons, colored pencils or paints

Steps:

1. Using the pencil or black marker, draw lines on your piece of paper. Your lines can be curvy squiggles, zigzags, or straight lines. Or use all different types of lines.

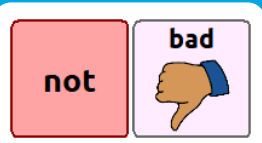
Helpful Tip: Make sure you leave some larger spaces and don't overcrowd your lines

2. Next, use your colors (crayons, colored pencils, or paints) to color in the spaces created by your lines. Fill them all in, color in half, or just a few – it's up to you to decide.

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T

Talk about it



That's **not bad!**
Not bad!
 That's **not so bad.**

A

Ask a Question



Did you think he would...
 What **did** you think?
 How **did** he feel?

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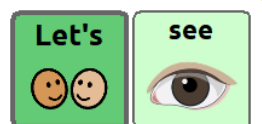
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I think **whatever** it is, is great!
Whatever will he do?
 He can do **whatever.**

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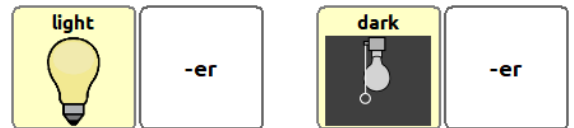


Let's see!
 I **see...**
Let's read more and **see.**

Let's Learn About: Shade and Tint

We learned about colors earlier this year. We learned that some colors are warm and some are cool.

But, we can make many more colors by making shades and tints of a color. A shade is a color that has had black added to it. So, it is darker than the original color. A tint is a color that has had white added to it. It is lighter than before.



Using different shades and tints of a color can make an art project fun and interesting.

Have fun this month exploring different shades and tints.

A Line Study

Create your own line study with fun shapes and colors. You'll turn simple shapes into fun and interesting works of art with this fun project!

What You'll Need: Paper (white and different colors, if desired), Black pencil or marker, Crayons, colored pencils or paints

Steps:

1. Create different shapes on the paper by drawing, tracing, or glueing (you can cut shapes into colored paper and glue onto the page).
2. Draw black lines around the shape until they merge into the other shapes.
3. Paint or color the spaces between the lines. Use different shades and tints, or even different colors, to complete your work of art.



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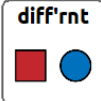
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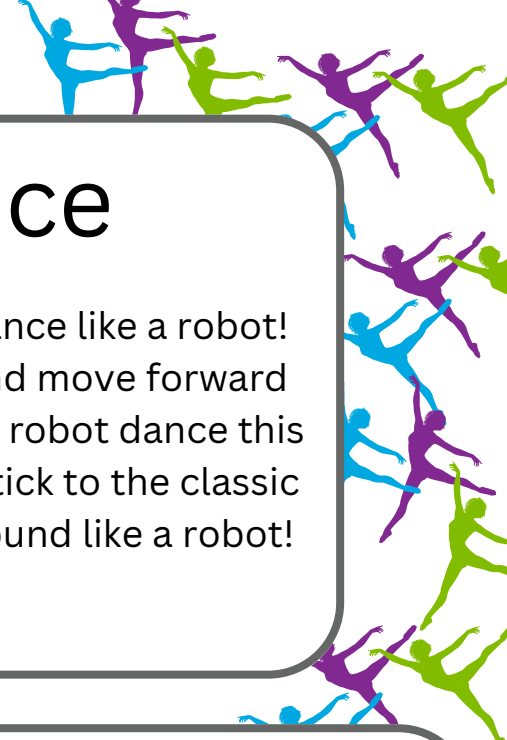


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Robots Can Dance

Combine acting and dance this month while you dance like a robot! Robots dance with stiff arms and legs. They spin and move forward and backward while dancing. Put together your own robot dance this month. You can simply put on your favorite song. Stick to the classic robot arms dance moves. And have fun dancing around like a robot!

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She feels...
I think **she** will **feel**...
She is feeling...

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Ask a Question



What will she do next?
What happen?
What do you...?

A

Acknowledge via Response



I think...
I think she will...
I think so too!

P

Propel the conversation or Predict



I **hope** she will...
Let's **hope** it goes well!
I **hope**...

Let's Learn About: Body Language

Our bodies can talk! We can use our bodies to express emotions and other messages too.



We can use facial expressions or gestures to communicate different messages. If you like something, you can make your body seem happy. Jumping, flapping your hands, and smiling can communicate happiness. If you are scared, covering your face and leaning away can show that. Our bodies can communicate a lot more too!

Practice this month using your body to talk when dancing.

Dinosaur Dance

Combine acting and dance again this month while you dance like a dinosaur! Pick your favorite dinosaur and dance away. For more fun, you can also pick an emotion or some other feeling or action to represent while you dance. Switch it up halfway through your song. You decide. You can simply put on your favorite song and dance around as a dinosaur. And have fun dancing!



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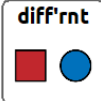
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October Story Starters

Below are some ideas to get your story started. Add more characters to the story and have fun writing a special story this month.

Story Starter 1

It started out like any other typical day, but all that changed when a special package arrived on my doorstep....

Story Starter 2

When he/she was 10 years old, he/she got a special gift for her birthday. His/Her uncle bought her a giraffe...

Story Starter 3

The journey was long, but they had finally arrived at the new planet. They had journeyed through space for 9 months and now...

Story Starter 4

I wanted to sleep in today because it was Saturday. But, I was woken up early by a very strange sound. When I got out of bed and looked out my window, it was raining ice cream cones...

Use this story die to add characters to your story. You can add 1, 2, or more characters to your story. You decide!

Cut out the die and paste together. For a sturdier die, print on card stock or other thicker paper.

Have fun crafting your story!

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Expressive Arts

Story Dice Characters

Add 1 person to your story.



Add a monster to your story.



Add a girl to your story.



Add an animal to your story.



Add a friend to your story.



Add a boy to your story.



Use this story die to add fun adjectives to your story. You can add 1, 2, or more characters to your story. You decide!

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Story Dice Adjectives

Add the word **brave** to describe a character or event in your story.



Add the word **ferocious** to describe a character or event in your story.



Add the word **adventurous** to describe a character or event in your story.



Add the word **dangerous** to describe a character or event in your story.



Add the word **charming** to describe a character or event in your story.



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Story Dice Verbs

Add the word **ride** to describe a character or event in your story.



Add the word **attack** to describe a character or event in your story.



Add the word **celebrate** to describe a character or event in your story.



Add the word **visit** to describe a character or event in your story.



Add the word **pretend** to describe a character or event in your story.



Add the word **discover** to describe a character or event in your story.





Rainbow Poem

Use the poem template below to write a colorful poem. Fill in the blanks to complete your poem.

Red is _____

Orange is _____

Yellow is _____

Green is _____

Blue is _____

Purple is _____

