

Learning Labs at Children's Museum of Illinois

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Science Focused Labs

PreK: The 5 Senses



Description: Our five senses help us learn about the world around us. Read a book about sounds and learn about your senses. We will test your senses with challenges and games and even create one for you to take home.

Standards: 2.A.ECa, 2.B.ECa, 2.D.ECa

Kindergarten: Growing Garden

Description: Join us to learn about how plants grow. Let's read a story about pollinators and how they are important to a healthy garden! Create a home for your own seed and watch it grow after you've left the Museum. Color a beautiful butterfly to take home to help pollinate your garden.

Standards: K-LS1-1, RL.K.1, RL.K.4, RL.K.7, RI.K.7, SL.K.2



1st Grade: Splat!

Description: What goes up, must come down! Read and learn about the force of gravity. Afterwards create a work of art by using gravity. Watch out- it could get messy!



Standards: ESS1.1.1, L.1.5.d CC.1.5.d, MD.1.2

2nd Grade: Ooey Goey Slime

Description: Oh No! Slime has taken over the museum! Read a book about what happens when a science project went wrong. Afterwards, mix and experiment to make your own slime.

Standards: 2-PS1-1, 2-PS1-4, RI.2.1



3rd Grade: An A-bridged Guide to Engineering

Description: Join us for a Make Space inspired project! Can your team build the strongest bridge out of the materials we give you? Let's find out!



Standards: 3-PS2-1, 3-PS2-3, 3-PS2-4, MP.2, MP.5, W.3.7

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**Please be mindful some projects have to dry.*

Art Focused Labs

PreK: Mixing and Moving



Description: Go on an adventure with some dots and learn about mixing colors. Use scientific tools to create new and different colors and create a piece of art with the newly mixed colors.



Standards: 2.A.ECd, 2.A.ECa, 2.B.ECa, 2.D.ECa

Kindergarten: The Monster Bash

Description: Oh no! Monsters have invaded the Museum. Create your own monsters with organic shapes and learn that, once we get to know them, monsters aren't so scary after all.

Standards: 1.A.K.a, 1.C.K.a, 1.C.L.b, 2.B.K.c, 4.a.Ka, 9.a.Ka, 9.a.Kb, 9.a.Kc

1st Grade: Art Mayhem!

Description: Roll up your sleeves and get ready to get messy! Every kid knows that sometimes you need to cause a little mayhem in order to make a masterpiece.

Standards: 26.B.1d, 26.A.1e, CC.1.R.L.1

2nd Grade: Meet Matisse

Description: Learn about Henri Matisse and why he drew with scissors. Then create Matisse-inspired artwork to take home.

Standards: V.AC1.1.1a, V.A.Cr1.1.1b, VA:Pr1.3a, VA:Pr1.2a, VA:Pr6.1.2a. 2.G

3rd Grade: YOU-nique

Description: What makes you, you? Use various materials and media to create a piece of art that represents YOU. Choose colors, forms, and materials that show the world what makes you YOU-nique.

Standards: VA: Cr1.1.3a, VA:Cr2.1.3a, VA: Cr2.2.3a, VA:Re.7.2.3a, VA:Cn10.1.3a
