



Easter Projects for the Family

With most of the children at home during this COVID-19 event, the YMCA of Saskatoon Child Development Centres would like to offer ideas and suggestions for at-home learning, reading and activities.

With Easter here, our childcare development centres has included something for our community to participate in at home in respect to all learning and development areas.

ART ACTIVITIES

Painting with Plastic Easter Eggs

Materials:

- Tempera paint or any available paint
- White paper
- Plastic Easter eggs
- Paper plates or other surface for paint

Instructions:

1. Start by squirting some paint onto paper plates and add an opened plastic egg to each plate
2. Place the open end of a plastic egg in the paint and use it to stamp circles on the paper
3. Now your child is ready to create!



What does it teach?

- The child could create shapes on their paper after their first few times stamping
- The child could try all the colours to form a line
- They also could do some circle collages together using the eggs

Paint Easter Eggs using Q-tips

Materials:

- Some sturdy paper (like paper plates)
- Paint (any colours but you must include white)
- Some containers or tray (like an ice cube tray) to mix the paint
- Q-tips (any brand!)

Instructions:

1. Start by cutting out your eggs from the paper plates
2. Pour some paint in the tray – add white to each colour and have your child mix the paint
3. After all the paints have been mixed, pour a little more of the original colour in the next container or slot in the tray
4. Now, it is time to paint!
5. Let your child explore how the q-tip makes marks on their egg

What does it teach?

- Your child will naturally be holding the q-tip in a pincer grasp and controlling it will be giving their fine motor skills a good workout
- Talk about the colours, making note of the differences. Ask your child which color of each pair they like best (Original colour or mixed with white?)
- Your preschool child could explore with dots and stripes



COOKING ACTIVITES

Making Rice Krispy Bunny Treats

Ingredients:

- 5 tablespoons of butter
- 6 cups of mini marshmallows (one full bag)
- ½ tsp of salt
- 5 cups of Rice Krispies
- Gel frosting for decorating (optional) or any other fun decorations for making bunnies

Instructions:

1. Combine butter, mini marshmallows, and salt in a large pot over medium heat
2. Heat the mixture while stirring constantly until marshmallows are melted and fully combined with butter
3. Remove from heat and fold in rice krispies until fully incorporated into the marshmallows
4. Press mixture into a rimmed sheet pan lined with parchment paper
5. Let the rice krispy treats sit and solidify for at least an hour
6. Let your child cut out bunnies using a cookie cutter shape
7. Decorate with gel food colouring or simply enjoy

