

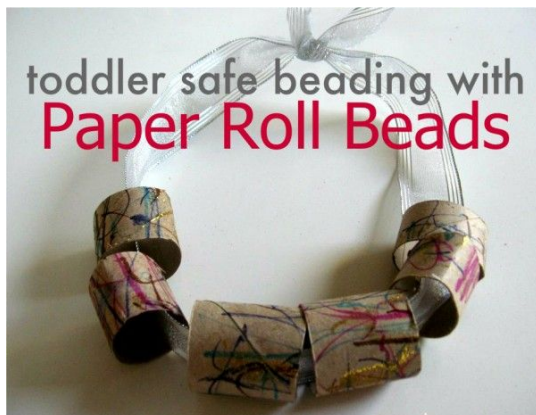
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Remote Lesson #8
Fun With Recycled Materials



In less than a week, the world will celebrate Earth Day. Maybe you have been enjoying the outdoors more these days. What a great time to stop and thank God for our beautiful world and think about ways that we can help to take care of it.

These activities are also strategically timed for those families who may not have an abundance of craft supplies to keep little ones busy making their art. Dig in your recycling bin or empty some boxes from the pantry...it's time to get creative!

Idea #1



We all know that toilet paper is precious these days but most don't know how important the toilet paper tube can be. These cardboard tubes can be cut, painted, and decorated to become beautiful jewelry. Cut one side of the tube and it slips on your wrist for a bracelet or a watch. Fine motor activities such as coloring, cutting, and gluing all contribute to hand muscle strength and coordination of motor movements. These skills pave the way for writing letters and numbers and doing more intricate tasks.

Here are some other cardboard tube ideas. Copy these or come up with your own! Send your pictures to preschool@stjromecc.org and I will share them on our website.



Idea #2

Cardboard oatmeal containers, coffee cans, soup cans, etc. can become musical instruments in the right hands. Cover them with paper or paint. Add a wooden spoon or a stick and make some music. This activity can be even more educational if you practice tapping out rhythms with your child or tap out the syllables in words (ex. Mommy, Daddy, Easter Bunny). This teaches children that words are made up of phonological components. They will attend to the sounds and the rhythm of language - important building blocks to reading.



Recycled Can Drums (I found this video for those who want more specific instructions.)

<https://youtu.be/TplH0TZ3kdw>

I wanted to find an educational video that gave the children some information about the difference between trash and recycled materials. I found this one from Kids Academy which is a good website I have used in the past. Check them out for other learning videos.

https://youtu.be/6jQ7y_qQYUA

After watching this video, you can have your child practice putting items in the correct containers. I did this in my classroom by displaying a recycle bin and a small trash can. I put several items on the table and asked the students to sort the items into the correct cans. This gives you the opportunity to ask them questions about what things are made of. For students who had difficulty, I put a picture of the items that belonged in each can. Then they simply had to match it up. With practice this could become their new household chore!

The Earth is a gift from God. It is a wonderful place with many people, plants and animals. Here is a story about some special animals and the places they live.

<https://youtu.be/MuIEJvMGSFk>

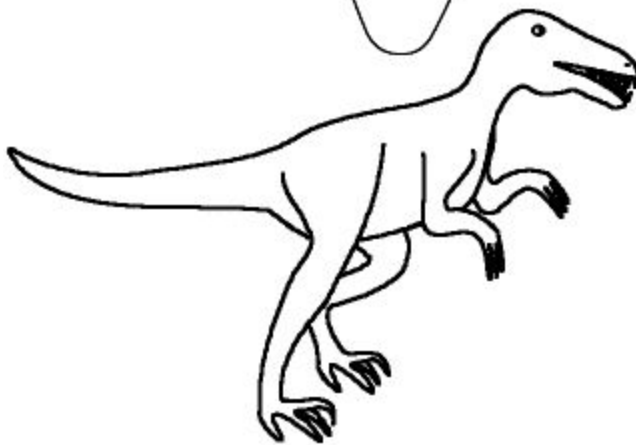
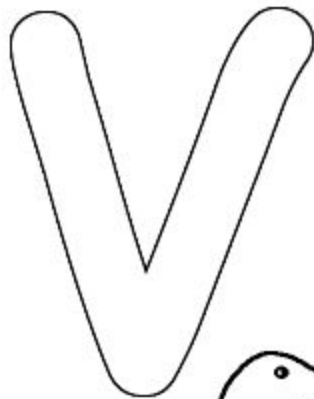
Our friends from Rooms 3 and 4 are learning about the letter V this week. I think everyone might enjoy coloring some things that begin with the letter V and practicing the sound the letter V makes. Trace the letters with your finger, pencil or crayon. (Parents: Letters should always be formed from the top down. Establishing proper handwriting techniques now will ensure success in the future. Practice writing letters in sand or shaving cream on a cookie tray. Work with your child hand over hand and say the name of the letter as you go.)



volcano



violin



Velociraptor



vulture

The Earth gives us delicious vegetables to eat. The word vegetables begins with the letter V.

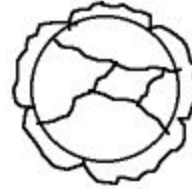
I Can Color

Vegetables

I can color the tomato red.



I can color the cabbage purple.



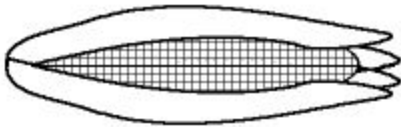
I can color the carrots orange.



I can color the radish pink.



I can color the corn yellow.



I can color the onion brown.



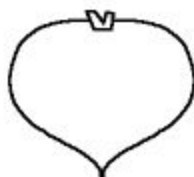
I can color the peas green.



I can color the olives black.



I can color the turnip blue.



I can color the mushroom gray.

