



Nurturing Creativity

Creativity is about thinking, experimenting, discovering, exploring and imagining. Cultivating creativity can be as simple as allowing children to make choices, draw on blank paper, make music with wooden utensils and more.

The following is a list of interactive tips that will allow you to nurture your child's imagination and make creativity a part of every day:

- ✓ Read a story together or have your child read to you. Use different voices for each character to develop the storyline.
- ✓ Help children design and assemble their own collage. Provide old scraps of paper, stickers, colorful pasta, shells, and ribbon.
- ✓ Make finger puppets out of an old glove. Invite your child's friends over to create their own play or story.
- ✓ Experiment with foods by providing your kids with a variety of fun ingredients.
- ✓ Play problem-solving games or assemble puzzles to engage your child's mind.
- ✓ Interact with your kids and play dress up, using old clothes to create fun costumes.
- ✓ Make every day shopping interesting by letting your kids pick out their favorite fruits and vegetables at the grocery store and describing colors, sizes, and tastes. Or allow your kids to count money for simple monetary transactions.
- ✓ Encourage your children to showcase their creativity by entering contests like *Jif*® Most Creative Peanut Butter Sandwich Contest™.