



Be Kind to One Another: Encouraging Children to Embrace Diversity

Opening up the discussion about diversity at an early age is important as children learn and grow. Katie Kennedy, Ph.D., a research consultant at the Bay Area Discovery Museum and a colleague of the members of The Goddard School Educational Advisory Board, writes about the need to teach little ones to embrace the diversity in the world around them in [this blog post](#).

NATIONAL PLANT A FLOWER DAY CRAFT

National Plant a Flower Day is March 12. In honor of this spring holiday, you and your child can make a very special flower grow with this craft. See the video and full instructions in [this blog post](#).

What You'll Need

- Construction paper in multiple colors
- Mixed dry beans, seeds or beads
- Twine or yarn
- Glue
- Scissors

Instructions

1. Cut different flower parts out of construction paper, such as the stem, the leaves and the flower.
2. Create the soil by cutting a piece of brown construction paper in half and gluing it to the bottom third of a piece of blue construction paper.
3. Glue a strip of green construction paper where the brown and



Five Ways to Help Your Child Make Friends

Our hearts ache when our children suffer from an unkind word, get left out of a game or struggle to belong. Lee Scott, a member of The Goddard School Educational Advisory Board, outlines a list of ways for parents to help their little ones build friendships in [this blog post](#).



Get Your Children to Spring Clean with You

- blue paper meet to create the grass.
4. Next, glue a bean or seed to the brown paper just below the grass to emulate planting a seed.
 5. Then, glue the twine or yarn below the bean or seed to create roots.
 6. Glue the stem and leaves onto the plant.
 7. Finally, add the flower and glue the seeds to the center of it.

Be sure to talk about the growth process with your child as you assemble the craft. “The seed is planted in the soil, and then the roots extend, drinking in water and nutrients. Then the stem grows, which delivers water and nutrients to the leaves and flower. Seeds from the flower can be planted to grow more flowers.”

Springtime is just about here, and for many of us, that means taking on some deep-cleaning tasks to freshen up our homes in time for warmer weather. Get your little ones involved by adding some of the child-friendly tasks from [this blog post](#) to your to-do list.



Summertime Learning in Museums

Summer will be here sooner than you think, and for many families that means a shift in their schedules. Now is a great time to start doing your research and find the perfect summer learning program to help fight the summer slump. Additionally, planning fun educational outings is a summer must. [This blog post](#) outlines some of the best ideas for summer learning. Science centers and children's museums are perfect destinations for parents, caregivers and children seeking a break from the heat for a chance to learn something new.



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