

# Talent Development Newsletter

Spring 2020

Hello!

The Talent Development Team established one of its goals for this school year on integrating creative opportunities for students and teachers into our day-to-day learning activities. We sponsored a workshop *Making Time for Creativity* (presenter Molly Kellogg) in support of this focus, and in collaboration with teachers continue this effort for student creative thinking experiences even though our daily influences are through remote learning.

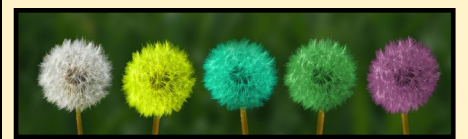
Using creative thinking skills is an integral function in living a successful life. **“A child who is used to thinking creatively can more easily problem-solve than a child who follows a rigid protocol when searching for a solution to a problem. Creative thinking serves them far beyond their childhood years.”** Bobbli Wegner, Psy.D.

The Talent Development team encourages you and your kids to have fun thinking creatively, especially during next week’s April vacation when hopefully, we all practice living life creatively with each other and with less screen time. Read on to find some suggestions to add a creative flow to your family time.



**“It is the supreme art of the teacher to awaken joy in creative expression and knowledge.”**

Albert Einstein



## How about a Low-Prep activity?

**Origami** (magazines pages, printer paper, napkins )

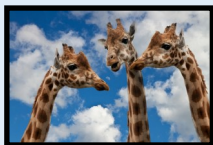
**Paper Airplanes**-geometry and physics  
Print directions and plane models. [BSD Learning Enrichment in the Academic and Arts](#) “Cool links,” Paper Airplane

**Fairy Houses**-Collect lawn debris and nestle in to architectural engineering.

**Build a Structure Challenge**-recycling bin materials and tape

**Write a Poem** about your family. Free-verse, Haiku, Rap, Acrostic

**Refrigerator Soup**-Combine and simmer a hopefully delicious dinner.



## Try some of these conversation and story starters to help your family think creatively.

- How would life be different if there were no electricity? List three different ways.
- *Explain a flower to someone who has never seen or heard of one before.*
- Tell a story about visiting a zoo without using the names of any animals.
- *Pretend that you get to make one rule that everyone in the world must follow. What rule do you make? Why?*
- You can have any three things that you want. In return you must give away three things that are about the same size as the things you get. What do you get and what do you give away?
- *What are some ways you could celebrate “Backwards Day?”*
- How would the game of soccer be different if the ball was shaped like a cube?
- *If you could choose one thing that costs money and make it free for everyone forever, what thing would you choose? Why?*
- If people could not see colors, how would traffic lights work? Design a traffic system that does not rely on colors.
- *If you could talk to trees, what do you think they might say? Create a conversation between you and a tree.*

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As creativity scholars Scott Barry Kaufman and Carolyn Gregoire write in their book *Wired to Create*: “Creativity isn’t just about innovating or making art—it’s about living creatively. We can approach any situation in life with a creative spirit.”

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