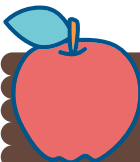


# Stories Abound

*Upcoming events, ideas and activities for families to do at home from the Monticello Public Library*



## School Readiness Tip:

Asking young children "what do you see?" builds the science skill of observation. You can do this anywhere-- out in nature, while driving, or even while shopping. To keep their observations going, follow up with "tell me more."



## Did You Know?

Grown ups aren't the only ones who feel stress. Kids do too! You can help your child to deal with stress by practicing stress-relieving activities together, e.g., deep breaths, yoga, or walks in nature. Not only is it great for kids, it's great for you too!



## News You Can Use

- We want to give a big shout out to those who were able to watch our zoom programs in October and to those who stopped out for trick or treating on October 30th! We loved seeing your faces and great costumes!
  - Our entryway is open for Express Services Monday thru Friday from 10 am to 7pm to speak with a librarian, pick-up holds, or request other items. Appointments can be made for browsing, computer usage and curbside pickup. Don't hesitate to call or email the library with your requests! We are happy to help fulfill your needs.
  - We will have a weekly live streaming zoom presentation for the month of November about dinosaurs beginning November 4th at 3:30 pm. Be sure to register on our website or Facebook page to save your spot. Spaces are limited, so make sure you sign up in advance!
  - Craft bags are now for all ages! Check out the line or stop into the library to take home your free craft bag.
  - The library will be closed Thursday November 26th and Friday November 27th for the Thanksgiving holiday. We will reopen Monday November 30th at 10:00 am.
  - Check our free resource links. They are perfect for a cold, rainy day or to supplement your online learning. They are all free and don't require any login information. The site is updated frequently, so keep checking back!
- [www.prek-12resources.com](http://www.prek-12resources.com)
- Have a happy November! Remember to stay safe by wearing your masks and washing your hands!



## Upcoming Events

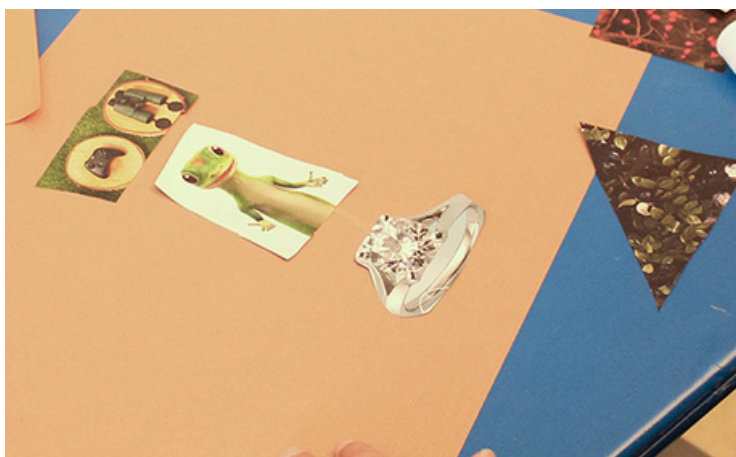
- November 1st Day Light saving ends. Don't forget to set your clocks back!
- November 3rd Election Day. GO VOTE!
- November 4th @3:30 pm DINOvember Zoom event Predators and Prey
- November 6th Monticello No School
- November 7th Book Lover's Day
- November 11th Veteran's Day
- November 11th @3:30 pm DINOvember Zoom T-Rex
- November 17th World Peace Day
- November 18th @3:30 pm DINOvember Zoom Ice Age Giants
- November 25th-27th Monticello No School
- November 25th @3:30 pm DINOvember Zoom Sea Monsters
- November 26th Thanksgiving Day (Library is Closed)
- November 27th Black Friday (Library is Closed)



# Try It At Home: Found Portraits

## Materials Required:

- Old magazines
- Scissors
- Glue stick
- Construction paper



## Instructions:

Look through magazines for shapes and images that can be used to create a portrait of a face. The goal is not to cut out a face that's already there—create a new one! What could you use for a mouth, a nose, or an eye? Think about what major shapes can be used and what those shapes might represent (circle for mouth, oval for face, triangle for nose, etc.). Look for those shapes in magazines and cut them out. After a variety of shapes and images are cut, arrange the shapes and experiment with placement on the construction paper before anything is glued down. Be creative! Don't be afraid to use unconventional objects in the portrait. How would an airplane fit into the design of a face? Maybe the letter "S" could be glued repeatedly to represent curly hair. Experiment! Once the pieces are arranged, glue them down. Give the portrait the name of a character and share with friends.

## Try these activity variations:

Remix this activity by creating a portrait using only letters and numbers. Create a face without using any images—just words, numbers, and letters. Add on to the face. Create an entire body.

## Links to Creativity:

As children search for materials to create the collage, the discovery of "just the right piece" can occur through blind variation and selective retention. In other words, creativity often requires that we look broadly and without judgment, and after some time generating ideas we can then evaluate what is our best idea for a solution.