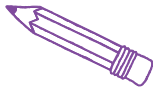


ACTIVITY TIME

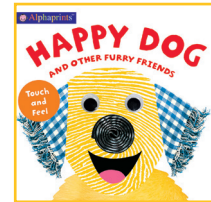
Featured Stories Program

books
for
toddlers



HAPPY DOG by Roger Priddy

It is your lucky day Grumpy Pug, *Happy Dog* is here to cheer you up and he just cannot wait to play! This bright and energetic story describes 12 playful dogs. Eye-catching collage uses fingerprints and photographs of different kinds of foods and fabric to make bold textural illustrations. Touch and feel the pictures and have lots of fun playing I spy together with your child, spotting all the different objects on each page.



Thumb print art

You will need:

- Template (see attached)
- Inkpad or non-toxic paint
- Crayons or pencils
- Wipes and newspaper for easy clean up.

What to do:

1. Set up your creating space. Laydown newspaper, a table cloth and have wipes handy to clean hands. You may want to do this outside
2. Look at the template with your child. Help them to match their own hand with the outline on the template
3. Dip or press one finger at a time into an inkpad or non-toxic paint and press onto the template. Chat with your child about the names of different fingers, thumb, pointer finger or forefinger, middle finger, ring finger, little finger or pinkie finger.



Adult supervision is essential. Involve and talk with your child as much as possible.

More ideas

Feeling really creative? Use the illustrations as inspiration for an art activity. Together, look at the thumbprints in the story? Chat with your child about the pictures and feel the thumbprints. What can you turn your thumbprint into? A flower? A baby chick? Or a happy dog? Use our template to help you get started, it doesn't matter how well you and your child can draw, this activity is a way to build imagination and creativity.

STEM Focus: Engage your child's inner scientist and experiment with stamping and printing. Find objects from the garden or around the house, for example leaves from the garden or plastic toys such as blocks. Stamp and print onto blank paper – what patterns do they make?

Songs to sing

B I N G O, Heads and Shoulders and Wag your Tail – <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GukdT4gUIZs>

Key message

Children learn by being engaged and doing.

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*You can introduce simple Science Technology, Engineering & Maths (STEM) concepts to children aged 2+ years through every day play.



