







July | Art, Music & Cooking: Creativity & Expression

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You will discover ways to play and learn with children using hands-on activities and free digital content featuring their favorite PBS KIDS characters.



Topic	Select	Talk	Explore	Play	More ways to play and learn	For Grown-ups
Adventures in Art 	Watch Pinkalicious in "Oodles of Doodles" as she and her friends create colorful, imaginative works of art.	Ask your child: "Do you like to doodle? What kind of art would you like to make today?"	Offer materials like paints, watercolors, glitter, collage supplies, or natural items (like leaves or flowers) to inspire creativity.	Host a "Pinkcredible" art show! Display your child's art and take turns being tour guides, describing each masterpiece!	Game: Colorrific Artshow Printable Activity: Draw Your Own Tower	Activity List: Connecting With Kids Through Art Video: Exploring Lines
Exploring with Music 	Turn up the fun with a playlist of Alma's Way songs and dance clips the whole family can enjoy!	Talk about the musical elements Alma and her friends used in the clips. How did they use music to help themselves or just have fun?	Make your own guitar , or create homemade instruments like shakers or drums using containers, rice, and rubber bands.	Use your homemade instruments to create rhythm patterns by clapping, tapping, or shaking.	Game: Boom Boom Bah! Printable Activity: Make a Summer Souvenir Box	Article: Learn All About Bomba on Alma's Way Activity: Alma's Way Story Props
Cooking Up Fun 	Watch Carrot Cake Dance as Lyla helps bake a tasty carrot cake and uses music and movement to remember each step.	Ask your child: "What did Lyla and her neighbor bake? How did they remember all the steps? What would you like to bake?"	Follow a kid-friendly recipe and allow your child to help measure, pour, and mix ingredients.	Use pretend food or kitchen sets to act out making meals for family or a collection of stuffed animals.	Game: Lyla in the Loop Games Printable Activity: Carrot Cake Dance Recipe	Activity List: Taste Our Favorite Kid-Friendly Recipes Video: Baking and Measurements
Storytelling and Puppets 	Watch the Sticker Monster Storytime to see how the Wombats use creative thinking to solve everyday challenges.	Ask your child what story the Wombats told. What was the problem and how did they solve it?	Make string puppets or use paper bags or socks to create fun characters as a family.	Put on a family puppet show and retell a favorite story or make up a new one.	Game: Work It Out Wombats! Games Printable Activity: Zeke's Story Ending	Article: "Break It Down" and Other Ways Preschoolers Can Practice Computational Thinking Lesson Plan: Summerweenie Halloweenie



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