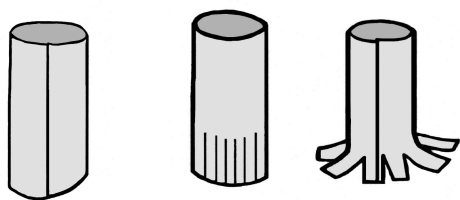
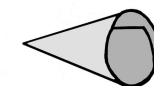
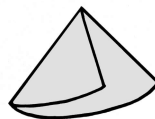
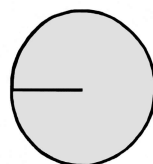


## Insect Activity Idea!

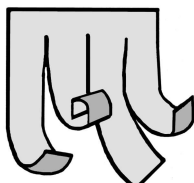
A package of construction paper, scissors, a straight edge, a protractor and a little glue are all you need to make fancy insects to decorate your classroom. As you are teaching the body parts of insects, why not include a creative activity and make imaginary bugs. Be sure and have your students incorporate their imagination as well as the insect body parts, number of legs, antenna, etc. when making their fanciful bugs. Share these paper engineering tricks with your students and let their creativity make magic!



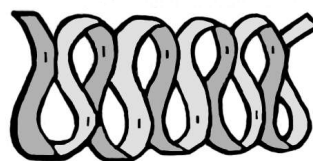
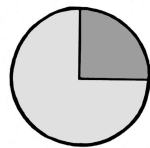
\* Cylinders are a great base shape. If you need to attach it to something, cut slits on one end and use the tabs as pieces to glue down.



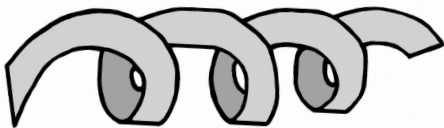
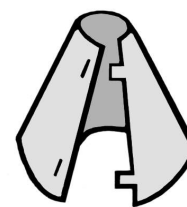
\* Cones can be made in a variety of sizes by starting with a basic circle!



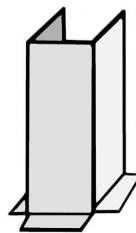
\* Cut slits in a sheet of paper and curl each strip with a pencil. makes great eyelashes!



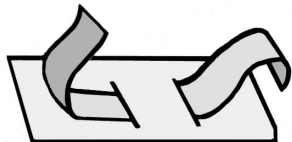
\* make loops out of a long strip of paper and secure the loops with a dab of glue or staples.



\* Curl a strip of paper around a pencil for a fun curly-q.



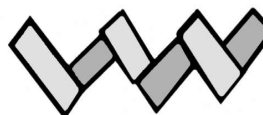
\* Try using tabs and slits to attach pieces of paper together.



\* Weave paper through slits to attach.



\* Attach paper pieces by creating flaps for gluing.

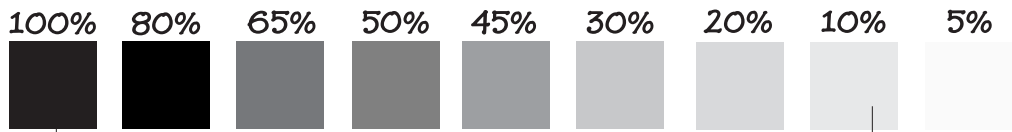


\* Fold paper to get a woven effect.

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# Kaleidoscope

*celebrating the spirit and wonder of creativity*

Kaleidoscope exercises student's imaginations and encourages creative learning. We emphasize the importance of a hands-on approach to learning, and value the process of art, more so than the actual outcome. The creative process complements education objectives because it enhances important skills, like critical and creative thinking, verbal and nonverbal communication, and problem solving.

Children are naturally creative. It is important to nurture this natural curiosity and excitement at an early age because being creative helps us in school, at work and in life.

People are creative when they invent, imagine, problem-solve, create and communicate in fresh new ways. Let your students discover their own creative gifts by sparking their imaginations and providing plenty of opportunities for exploration.

Here are some ideas on how you can spark creativity in your students:

Remind your students that most every question has more than one answer. Teaching them that in the creative process there is not one "right" way will help them feel confident in taking healthy risks and help build their self-esteem.

Encourage curiosity, exploration, experimentation and questioning.

Provide your students with colorful material to create with and allow them time to create independently. These materials can be very inexpensive and can teach them about recycling, too. Use things like paper towel rolls, cardboard boxes, construction paper, old crayons, ribbon, and other fun doo-dads your students can find around the house.

Have your students keep an "idea notebook."

Children love to learn about nature and the world around them.

Bugs are creatures that capture the imagination and lend themselves to creative fun.

Celebrate insects with kaleidoscope by doing creative activities with your students!

While you're nurturing your students creativity, it's also very important to nurture your own! Take special time just for yourself to be alone, relax, journal, take walks, daydream and simply do nothing. Check out Sark's "Inspiration Sandwich" for other fun ideas on taking care of you!