



**\*Programs and activities that support the core academic focus areas of Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math**

## Parenting Resources

### Discover the World of Art

- [Sharing art through a visual thinking method](#) can build a child's powers of observation, critical thinking, and expressive language. Parents ask kids to examine a classic work of art, think about what they see, and then share their ideas about the picture. Enjoy great art while promoting thought, language, and listening skills!
- An early introduction to art also develops a child's self-expression, imagination, tolerance and risk-taking. Pick some of the [free and fun strategies from PBS Parents](#) to open up the world of art, from letting your toddler paint with her feet to making up stories together with wordless picture books.



### Encouraging Artistic Connections with Kids

Focus on the process and not necessarily the product when encouraging young children to create their own art. Fostering a spirit of exploration and providing a range of ways to make art gives kids an important channel to self-expression. Find many paths to [introduce the world of creativity in this article from PBS Parents](#) – and enjoy the journey!



[Explore the connection between art and math](#) with family activities using the work of five artists who built paintings and sculptures from shapes and patterns. For all artists you will find prompts for conversations about their methods and follow-up projects to do together.

## STEAM Activities & Games

### Making Art with Peg + Cat

Kids will have fun [creating pictures while learning counting and geometry skills](#) from Peg and Cat. Children can move colored rocks onto a grid to create free-form art. Or they can recreate drawings offered by Cat by clicking on the drawing so dots appear -- and then covering the dots with rocks. Voilà! The picture appears!



**Peg + Cat** airs on KERA Channel 13 at 7:30 a.m. and on KERA Kids Channel 13.2 at 9 a.m.

## Get Up & Go! Art & Seek Activities for Families

### Family Fun at Hearts in the Park

Head to Klyde Warren Park in downtown Dallas on Saturday, February 10, for an early Valentine's Day celebration with your family. [Hearts in the Park](#) will feature an afternoon of crafts, dance lessons, trivia, and tasty treats, all with a '60s-themed twist. Kid-friendly activities are scheduled for 3-6 p.m. Find that and [more February fun from Art&Seek Jr.](#)



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### Ideas for Valentine's Day

Celebrate this beloved holiday with special activities to share with your own little valentine!



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