Hello Families! We are so thrilled you’ve decided to stay creative during this time. Below you will find some simple instructions to help jumpstart your imagination on what you can do with the supplies found in this kit. Please feel free to use our ideas or to come up with your own! While we wish we could be teaching you first hand right now, we are hopeful this will bring you some joy. We appreciate your support and look forward to seeing all your beautiful artwork online!

Please tag us @MuckCC and #MuckatHome.

“Plant something Beautiful”

**Supplies:**
Construction Paper, office paper, Clay, Compost, seed

**Inspiration for a project:**
Today we are creating a project in the likeness of Artist, Andy Goldsworthy, who is known for his site-specific sculptures. Andy used natural materials to showcase changes in nature, stating it wasn't about the art for him but primarily the need to express that things in life do not last and are ever changing. Although his sculptures are not eternal, his impact and artistic process is something to marvel at. Please take a few minutes to Google this Artist and share photographs (that he most likely took himself!) of his artwork with your family. Some good discussion questions to ask are...

- What do you like/dislike about the piece?
- Does this remind you of anything you have seen in your everyday life? If so, what?
- Please use descriptive words to explain what you are seeing to someone who has not seen it before.
- Is this a style of art you would be interested in trying? (If so, encourage your budding artist to look around the house or your yard for everyday items to sculpt with! Does the masterpiece change with time/weather/seasons?)

Goldsworthy finds inspiration by collaborating with nature. Please use the supplies provided to try a few collaborations of your own while you are out on your hike! Be aware of what you are giving and what you are taking from the space, how are you changing it?
Step by Step:

Please use this link for connection to all you will need for this project!
(https://themuck.org/programing/art-kits)

1st- Let's make your seed balls! You have enough clay compost and seeds to make about 4 small balls. Mix your clay, compost and seeds thoroughly together. The mixing can be in a bowl, or on a piece of cardboard. This is the preferred method because after mixing you have to set them out in the sun to dry. *Parent’s this is messy, cover the table and clothes. Scrap off hands and wash outside, not down the sink, then wash up with soap and water. The beauty of this project is to choose the right location for your family, please see Mr. Clark’s expert planting advice on our maps and let nature do the rest of the work.

2nd- Start your journal by decorating the cover, create a cover that says something about you and nature! There is no right or wrong, this is “your nature journal”.

3rd- Inside you’ll find different color pages, find a color that fits your mood or the season you are drawing/writing about, include the date on your page. That’s what Artists like Vincent Van Gogh did too. Other inspiration: Family and nature photos from your hike, poetry, details about your hiking adventures and trails you hiked, animals and plants you saw.

Famous Artist and Naturalist John James Audubon kept extensive and detailed journals and discovered several subspecies of birds on the North American Continent that had not yet been classified.

We’re wondering what you will create and discover! Please share your artwork and adventure with us @MuckCC #MUCKatHOME

Artists to explore:

Andy Goldsworthy
Vincent Van Gogh
John James Audubon
Photo of finished project:

You can creatively personalize the outside

and write notes, poems or whatever inspires you on the inside!

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