



Oac Book of the Month



The Box Boy
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A boy loves collecting things, especially cardboard boxes. He makes more and more amazing things from boxes, until his work is noticed by an art gallery director who gives him a big exhibition. He tires of artistic fame though, and goes back home to play with his boxes, until one day he discovers a new collectible, with potential, inside a box – bubble wrap!

[The Box Boy Video Story](#)

Does your child like to play with boxes or packaging?

- What can you create with boxes or items around the home.
- Creating a couch fort can generate hours of fun as well as a quiet space to just be.
- Do you have any boxes your child can sit in? Use these give your child some drawing utensils and ask them to decorate the inside of the box.
- Consider box towers, how high can you go?



Sustain

In the Garden.

Gardening helps children to develop the connections to the natural world that are crucial if they are to grow up to be future environmental stewards. We can support the development of connections to the natural world by modelling and embedding gardening practices and sharing the awe and wonder of the natural world into everyday life at home with your child.

We may not be able to spend much time outdoors in nature now, but most of us have some pot plants at home that children can be involved in watering and caring for. Potted plants also provide a variety of sensory experiences – talk about and explore the colours, shapes, textures and fragrances with your child.



Oac Spanish Language

¡hola!

Rolly Polly!

Practicing this song, helps children to interact verbally and non-verbally, and resource their own learning through connecting with others.

How do we do it: Start using the flashcards attached and perform with your child the actions. For example: “Run fast (rapido) or go slow (lento). Reach high to the sky (arriba) and low to the ground (abajo).

English	Spanish	Pronunciation
Arriba	Up	Ah-REE-bah
Abajo	Down	Ah-BAH-ho
Rapido	Fast	RAH-pee-doh
Lento	Slow	LEHN-toh

When you feel confident, practice the song along with Angelica our Language program Manager. Video coming in mid-week content.

Create

Box Creations

3D construction helps children develop a unique set of creativity skills, manipulating and decorating an object rather than a 2D piece of paper helps develop children’s special awareness and problem-solving skills.

You will need:

- 1 or more boxes of any shape and size.
- Art utensils such as crayons or paints, anything to draw with.
- In addition you could add craft resources such as ribbon, coloured paper, stickers and glue.

This is a great activity to keep your child busy while you are juggling other tasks such as meetings, home school support etc. Just set them up where you can see them with the resources and through discussion encourage them to decorate their box.



Together

Talking about Lock down

Change can always be confusing for children. As this lockdown is different from the last one. This is a great time to revisit how your child is feeling and what questions they might have.

Ideas to help you communicate this with your child:

- Create a written or visual routine with your child. [Click here for ideas and templates.](#)
- Create some family agreements/guidelines or rules.
- Allow time for the following.
 - ◇ Being together,
 - ◇ Self-directed play
 - ◇ Rest and relaxation
 - ◇ Guided learning
 - ◇ Self-directed learning

By having a plan and some guidelines you will be able to organize not only your child’s day but work around your own commitments such as meetings or deadlines.

