

# BRING IT HOME: Creativity

## BIG IDEA

Creativity is how we express ourselves and use our minds, gifts, and abilities to better our lives and our community. It allows us to address challenges and provide solutions. It's important to nurture creativity in our children.

## ACT IT OUT

At home is a great place to let your child explore his or her creativity. Sit down with your child and ask how he or she likes to be creative. Consider dedicating a special place in your home to your child's creativity—a fun way to display creations, beyond the refrigerator door.

## READ ABOUT IT

Check out these articles from All Pro Dad for more resources.

**10 Ways to Develop Creativity in Your Child:** [allprodad.com/10-ways-to-develop-creativity-in-your-child/](http://allprodad.com/10-ways-to-develop-creativity-in-your-child/)

**6 Ways to Cultivate Your Child's Imagination:** [allprodad.com/6-ways-to-cultivate-your-childs-imagination/](http://allprodad.com/6-ways-to-cultivate-your-childs-imagination/)

**Teaching Innovation to Your Kids:** [allprodad.com/teaching-innovation-to-your-kids/](http://allprodad.com/teaching-innovation-to-your-kids/)

## BOND THROUGH READING

### PreK – 1st Grade

**Sky Color**

by Peter Reynolds

**My Book By Me**

by Dana Meachen Rau

**What Do We Do With All This Stuff?**

by Anna W. Bardaus

### 2nd – 3rd Grade

**Imagination According to Humphrey**

by Betty G. Birney

**Draw Me a Story**

by Max Winter

**Ish**

by Peter H. Reynolds

### 4th – 5th Grade

**Charlie and The Chocolate Factory**

by Roald Dahl

**Just My Luck**

by Connie McGovern

**The Chalk Box Kid**

by Thomas B. Allen

## TALK ABOUT IT

- Week 1** What creative activities do you like to do?
- Week 2** Were you creative when you were my age? Can you still do it? Why or why not?
- Week 3** Why is it important to be creative?
- Week 4** What are things we can do as a family to be creative?

## CALENDAR YOUR KIDS

Plan a creative outing. Take your child to a place where he or she can walk away with something he or she made. Whether pottery, a painting, a bracelet, or a wood project, make it fun and something you can do together.