April 27, 2020

Dear EWES families,

My name is Madame Kim Arkesteyn-Vogler and I am the Teacher-Librarian at EWES. I have had the pleasure of meeting all your children and helping them find the perfect books during their weekly library periods.

As we move through these extraordinary times, I will be providing periodic art activities to do at home between now and June 12th. These will come to you through your child’s teacher, either in an email or posted on their website, and are meant to supplement what the classroom teachers are providing as curriculum. These are fun, grade-appropriate art projects that you can do as a family and are in no way mandatory. If you have any questions or need support, please don’t hesitate to contact me. I will be answering emails between 10am and noon, Monday to Friday. I hope you enjoy the activities I have planned!

Sincerely,

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**ROYAL BRITISH COLUMBIA MUSEUM PLAYDATE**

None of us have been able to visit a museum or art gallery for some time now and I thought it would be fun to connect with the Royal BC Museum this week and explore their online programs. This week’s activity is:

**Mini-Diorama Making with Megan Anderson**

April 29, 2020

11:00 am to 11:30 am

\*\*Often these activities last longer than 30 minutes. I would plan for 45 – 60 minutes\*

Join exhibit artist Megan Anderson to learn about some of the stories behind the gallery exhibits at the Royal BC Museum.​Have you ever wondered what goes into creating some of your favorite Museum exhibits? Want to try making one of your own?

Grab your craft supplies, found objects, and your imagination as we create our own mini-dioramas.

What you will need:

* Blank pieces of paper
* Something to draw with (Pencil crayons, markers, crayons, etc.)
* Tape
* Shoebox or a cardboard box, if possible (something to create a backdrop)
* Nature things- rocks, sticks, moss, leaves
* Toy animals
* Your imagination

\*\*I encourage everyone to look for and gather these materials on Monday and Tuesday so that you are ready for the virtual playdate on Wednesday morning.

Instructions:

1. Go to the website: <https://royalbcmuseum.bc.ca/visit/events/calendar/event/109954/rbcmhome-kids>
2. Scroll down the page until you find the link to join the webinar.
3. Click on the link and you will be directed to the webinar. (\*\*Please note that you will need Zoom to be able to join the webinar).
4. For those of you who do not have Zoom or who can’t be there on Wednesday at 11am, you can visit the Royal BC Museum Facebook page and catch the webinar there. (The link to the Facebook page is on the website as well). You can also find the replay of the webinar, as well as previous ‘playdates’, on the Royal BC Museum YouTube page:

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLN9Hdj6yjKtUuiiLBnfMRncGvWZjkSupi>

1. HAVE FUN! (\*\*Parents, if you enjoyed this program, a new ‘playdate’ happens every Wednesday from 11 – 11:30. Feel free to join them at your leisure!)

If you would like to share your creation with your teacher and/or the EWES school community, please email a picture to: [kim.arkesteyn@yesnet.yk.ca](mailto:kim.arkesteyn@yesnet.yk.ca) and it will be posted to the school Facebook page and/or your teacher’s website. (Please note that by sending us a picture, you consent to having it posted to the Facebook page and teacher website. Thank you.) Alternately, if you would like to share your creation ONLY with your classroom teacher, please email them directly.

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