# Spring 2024: Creativity

Boosting kids natural creativity for the long haul.

## **Series Overview**

Kids are born creative, and that natural creativity tends to lessen as they grow and the world demands the "right answer." And yet, creativity will be essential for our children more than any generation before. Good news! Early, open-ended playful experiences designed to promote the building blocks of creativity can help preserve and even strengthen that natural superpower. <u>Learn more</u>.



—Maya Angelou

#### How We'll Boost Creativity

Our Creativity series helps kids strengthen their natural creativity. We'll activate our imaginations and practice the building blocks of creativity as we break, bend and blend objects found in the most creative studio of all — nature.

#### **Creativity Lessons**

The 10 Creativity lessons focus on:

- 1. The building blocks of creativity (breaking, bending and blending).
- 2. Divergent thinking and the many possible solutions to problems.
- 3. Expressing ideas and feelings through art, music and movement.

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## What is Tinkergarten?

Designed by experts, loved by teachers, parents and kids, Tinkergarten gets kids ages 1 1/2 to 8 learning outside. Kids who participate get the physical and mental benefits of increased time outdoors and build a lasting connection to nature. Tinkergarten lessons are designed to take place in home spaces, shared community green spaces, school settings and all of the places in between. Learn more.

### The Tinkergarten Learning Journey

As they progress through the program, children develop a strong foundation in 8 essential skills that kids need to become creative, caring and confident people who can thrive in a dynamic world. They can also participate in special events designed to spark joy and deepen kids' ties to their local biome and community.





