

Loose parts: Discovering the joy in playing with open ended materials!

For three Saturdays we will read a story and present a provocation. We will set up an inspiring space of materials where children and caregivers can explore, discover and create together.

All materials will be provided. Come ready to play, create and get messy.

10-11 am, Saturdays, Sept 18, Sept 25, Oct 2

Registration required by calling 508-240-3310

Session 1. Let's go to an art gallery Sept 18th- Orleans Modern Art

We will meet at Sunbird, read "The Dot" by Peter Reynolds and join with friends around the world in celebrating creativity and artistic expression in honor of International "Dot Day". Each child will have a blank canvas to create their own art work using loose parts as tools to spark creativity and imagination. We will be using paint, mixing our own colors and finding inspiration from everyday materials. We will have the opportunity to tour an art gallery and share our art work in the larger community.



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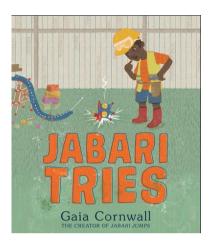






Session 2. Let's go to the Water! Sept 25th- Jonathan Young Windmill Green

We will read Jabari Tries by Gaia Cornwall as inspiration to create our own simple machine that can float and move in the water. We will provide a variety of loose parts to experiment with, test, invent, create and construct our own unique vessels overlooking Orleans Town Cove. Families are welcome to go to Rock Harbor on their own to view a historical boat.



Session 3. Let's go to the woods! Oct 2nd- Conservation land in Orleans/Kent's Point

Inspired by Maurice Sendak's "Where the Wild Things Are" We will read the book and then create our own Wild Things costumes/masks/crowns from loose parts. In our costumes we will explore a short path through the woods using our imaginations to bring this book to life. After our parade, we will gather some natural loose parts to bring back to our homes.



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