Craft Kit for Kids Ages 3-11

Flat Melvin

Flat Melvin is our Summer Reading mascot! He’s a giraffe. If you didn’t get him from the July Craft Packet, you can still get him online or at the library. He’s been looking for fun things to do this summer! All you do is cut him out, have adventures with him, take photos, and report back on what you all get up to. If you already have your Flat Melvin, keep it up! 💛💌🌃⛺🌄📱🎉💛

❤️ Can you also color the new picture of him we have provided in this kit? Once you do, you can tape it to your window facing in or out as a “cling” to bring you and others’ joy and to show off that you finished the Summer Reading Program!

❤️ If you want other Giraffe coloring sheets, you can get more online as well! We like coloring sheets from Supercoloring.com and Momjunction.com.

Bouncy Ball

Make a race track for your bouncy ball to roll through! Color a red, yellow, and green sheet of paper so you can “flag” the ball roll game. The sheet colored green means “start,” the sheet colored yellow means the ball is “slowing,” and the sheet colored red is waved when the ball stops to show “the end”! Can you experiment to make it roll faster and slower?

You can watch Marble Races to get ideas for how to sound like a sports announcer or commentator while the action happens, or how to make different kinds of tracks (if you have sand, for instance, or want to set a bigger track up inside or outside using bigger objects). One example of a video to watch could be “Marble Rally 2019 Showdown - Jelle's Marble Runs,” which you can try to recreate with your bouncy ball!
Scissors, Glue Stick, and Crayons

You can do so much with these craft tools. Do you want to make a collage? Use them to create a scrapbook? Create your own original work of art? The possibilities are endless!

POPSICLE STICKS

Look up “stixplosions”! One of our Tinker Testers classes, which was “full S.T.E.A.M. ahead! Kids in grades 3-5 [who joined] us for hands-on projects that focus on Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math” did STIXPLOSIONS with popsicle sticks. You would need rubber bands and something small to create the lever, and it might be a small explosion with only 10 popsicle sticks, but it may be worth investigating.

Here are some other popsicle stick craft ideas we found on the web. Do you see one you want to recreate? You can use your popsicle sticks to create popcorn, superheroes, apples, airplanes, marble runs or bouncy ball ramps, or bridges!