Family Day Art Activity:
Make Your Own Book and Stamp

Make your own book and try printmaking with a homemade stamp!

What you will need

- Foam sheet and/or Styrofoam
  - You can use any foam-like material like the foam stickers you put on the base of chairs, and also use recycled Styrofoam from food packaging
- Chipboard (or cereal box)
- Scissors
- Glue stick
- Stamp pad (or make your own using sponge and paint in a plastic container)
- Blank book (or several pieces of paper that you can bind together stapling or sewing together)
- Drawing utensils (pen, crayons, colored pencils, markers)
- Optional: Recycled collage materials (old magazines, books, etc)
**Instructions**

1) Draw your design on your foam sheet for your stamp then cut the outlines of your shape
   - You can also try using a Styrofoam to make your stamp. Draw your design with a pen on the Styrofoam, and cut a square shape around your drawing. Skip step #2 for Styrofoam stamp but you can follow the rest of the instructions

2) Glue the cut foam piece onto a sturdy material like a square piece of chipboard or cereal box to make your stamp

3) Place your stamp face down on a stamp pad and rub on all sides and corners to get some ink on all parts of the stamp

4) Use a scrap piece of paper to practice using your new stamp and see how it turns out

5) Start stamping in your book!
   - Explore different ways to use your stamp by using different color ink, playing with orientation (what does it look like upside down?), and repeating

6) Draw, collage, and/or write on your book! Create a story!

7) Share photos of your creation by tagging @artsmia on social media or email familyprograms@artsmia.org.

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