

Theme: Happy New Year

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Hello StrongStart friends,

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Happy 2021! The new year is a time to be with your family and relax after the holiday festivities. Here are some activities that you can do at home to continue the fun!

Play Dress Up

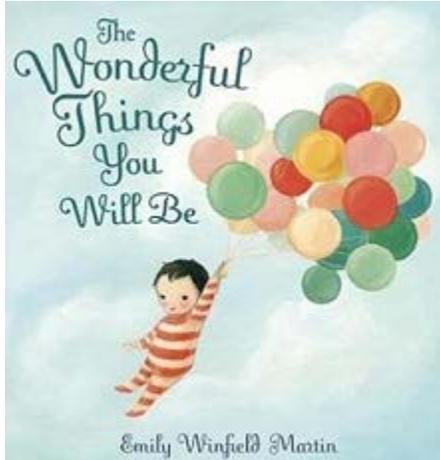
- Gather some old clothes or costumes. Throw in some accessories like hats, gloves or jewelry. Let the children decide what they want to try on. You can suggest a contest, for example, best outfit for the beach or best outfit for a super snowy day.
- Have a conversation with your child about what they are dressing up as. From there, you can extend into a storytelling activity which is great for oral language!

Dance It Up!

- Now that you are all dressed up, put on your favourite music and have a dance party!
- Here's a song called "What Should I Wear Today?" by Baby First
- <https://youtu.be/U8GdWPckgi0>



After dressing up and dancing, let's read a book called "The Wonderful Things You Will Be" by Emily Winfield Martin - <https://youtu.be/2MGSkjQAI2c>. Have a discussion with your child about the wonderful things they might want to try to do/be this year!



Of course, if we will be doing wonderful things, we must have a wonderful hat! For our craft, we will be making a New Year's Paper Plate Hat!



Materials:

- paper plate (large one)
- scissors
- markers
- decorative art supplies like glitter, stickers, ribbons, stamps and paint

Instructions:

- Cut around the middle circle about 3/4 of the way.
- Decorate the hat however you please!

One popular activity during New Year's celebrations is fireworks but that can be quite loud and dangerous for our young friends. Here is an art activity to make some colourful but quiet fireworks!



Materials:

- toilet paper rolls
- scissors
- paint (and paper plates to hold it)
- paper

Instructions:

- Cut 1/8 inch slits vertically on one end of the toilet paper roll.
- Bend them up to make a burst stamp.
- Press that end of the roll into paint and stamp over the paper to create "firework".

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