

Art Making with Dawn

Arts for All

“100 Languages”

Creativity begins with Imagination. Materials is a beautiful way to explore imagination.

Here we are exploring colours, with paint, markers , and paint sticks. One of the funnest parts of this activity was creating unique marks with the paint rollers and sponges. I introduced this activity with McMaster Student union daycare which was a really great way to engage their youngest group of children(just a voice infants).



My goal is to always provide stimulating experiences. Here I am with the oldest group of pre-k kids at McMaster Credit student union daycare, offering them the experience of clay exploration (oil and air dry) alongside cellophane, beads and bean bags. I used the bean bags to create a game where I would choose a colour and they would look for the matching colour bead to hammer it into the clay. So Fun!







I had the opportunity to also visit the toddlers at McMaster Student union daycare, and introduce them to the activity of foil printing. I also provided them with beads and pipe cleaners for additional stimulation.

through my sessions with Arts for All this season, to switch it up and introduce activities that would not only be sensory but engage fine motor skills. Here I am collaging with McMaster daycare centres .

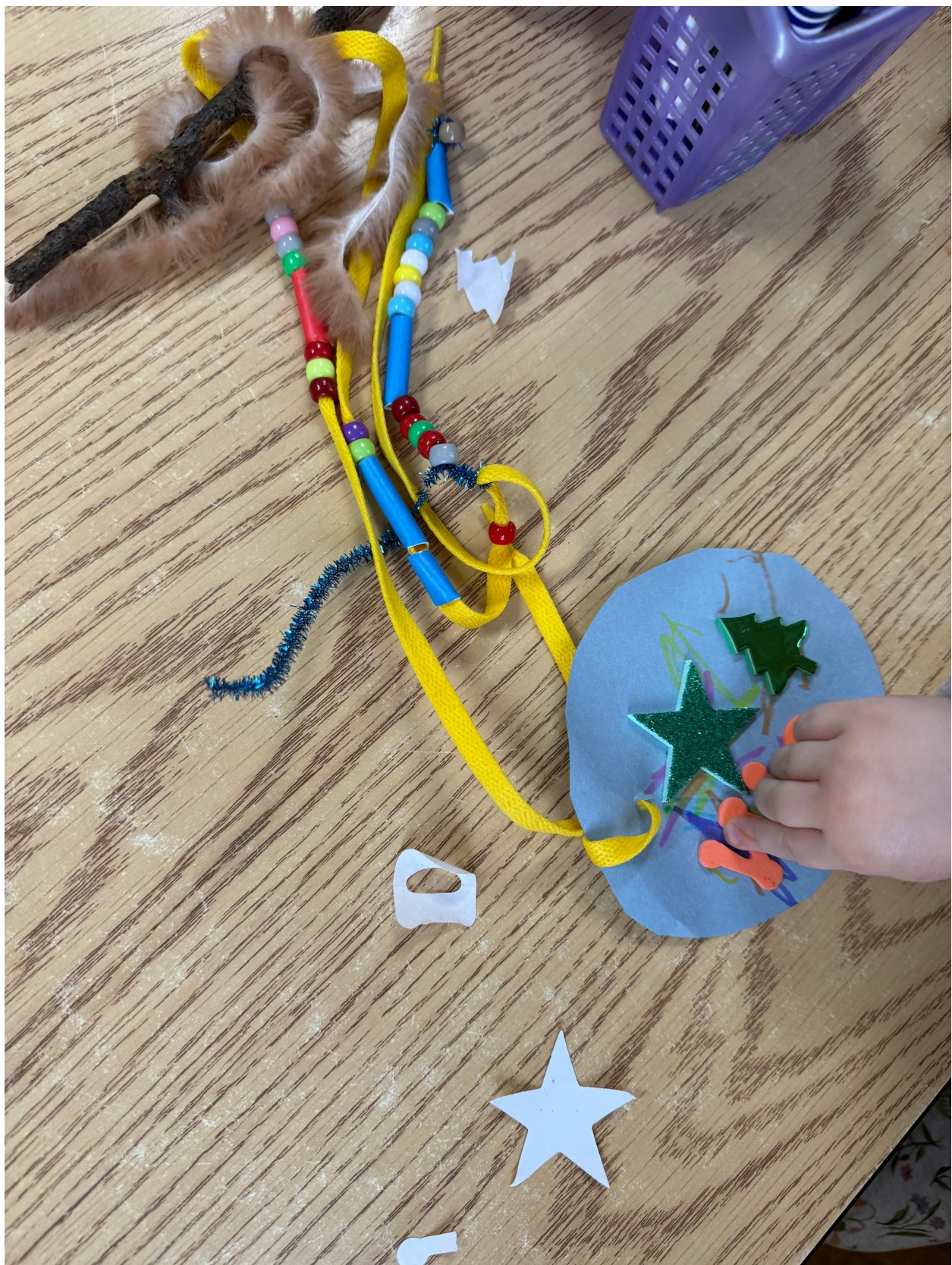




The following weeks I really focused on sensory and how things felt. Here I introduced sticks that I had tied shoelaces on and provided the toddlers at McMaster with the opportunity to string beads on them, tie pipe cleaners and make some art that we added to

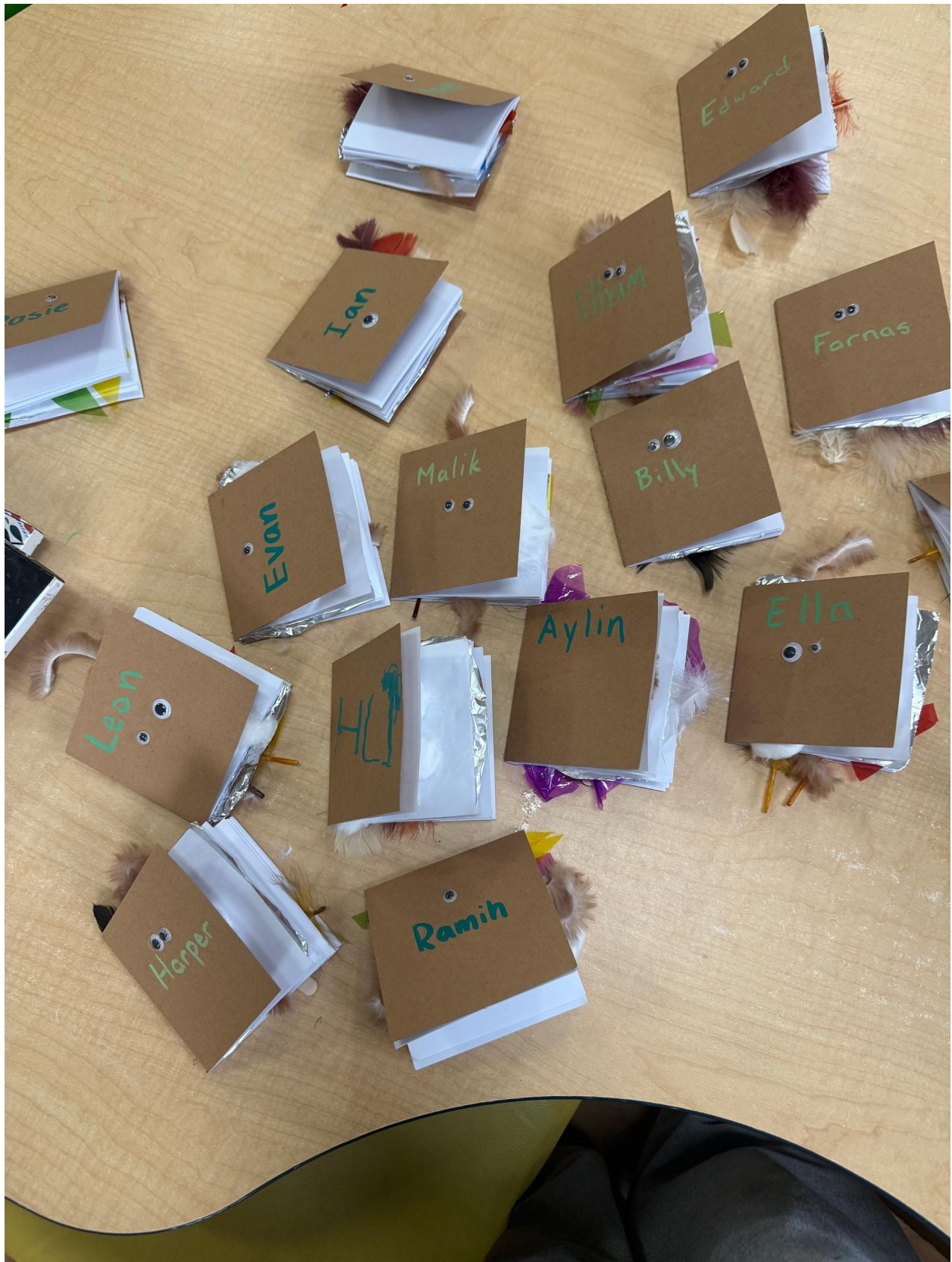
it as well.





Back at McMaster I decided to focus the remaining of our sessions of fine motor skills, and sensory exploration. This activity with the pre-k group was so fun! We made sensory books and I related it to the weather. I gave them cotton balls for snow, foil paper for the sound of

rain, paints and tissue for summer, and soft textures, tissue and cellophane for fall. I then gave them some extra pages to add feathers. This was so fun!



I had the blessing of also introducing the youngest group of toddlers with stringing beads

and adding pipe cleaners to their art. With this group I decided to introduce activities that would work simultaneously, so that I could engage children who might want to do something different. I brought along plasticine, straws, hammers and they really enjoyed that! I also taught them how to paint with plasticine and they really enjoyed spreading it

around with their fingers.



The following week I introduced the pre k group to the art of play doh and making stamps, shapes and sculptures.







And for our final reflection I set up a beautgallery of their work.



Thank you for the opportunity to share in the “100 languages” of our youth through Arts for All.

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