

Lisa's Top 10 Creative Building Skills

1. **Self Esteem Selfie Frames:** Having good self esteem is hard at any age. Here is a great way to build your child's confidence and inner esteem through taking selfies. Parents create a selfie frame using Hygloss Gold Frame Border or Premade Frame Poster. Have your child hold the frame up in front of them, snap a picture, and print. A great way to turn the selfies into refrigerator magnets or a series of photos for the foyer. Teachers have each student hold up the selfie frame, take their picture. Use the photos for the class room welcome board. A great first day and end of the year school activity.

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2. **About Me Adjective Portraits:** Here is a great project idea that builds self esteem, confidence, and word building through a creative activity. Teachers have students do an about me portrait using adjectives to describe themselves. Example if student is a girl with blonde hair: *My name is Chloe. I have long blond hair. I'm funny and Kind.* Students can use pre-cut face shapes, various textured paper, art boards, markers and name tags to assemble their portrait base. Decorate with cut out adjectives and extra embellishments.

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3. **New Year Scrapbooks/Yearbooks:** Sharing stories of the past with your children can be exciting. Here is a great project to teach your children about preserving the past and highlighting exciting memories like summer vacation or winter holiday. Pick a book them, then print some photos of family members, friends and places visited. Have your children write something about the photos. If using vacation photos have your children caption them in their own words.

This can also become a great school year keepsake. Place each child's first day selfie photo onto the cover of the book. Begin having your child write experiences into it. Add snippets of mementos from the year and insert into this book. Promotes memory, archival, thinking and writing skills.

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4. **Rainbow Coded Behavior Chart:** Teaching kids good behavior, manors and reward can be tough. Here is a great activity to help with that, Rainbow Coded Behavior Chart. This is a perfect chart for both school and home. Teachers List various behavioral levels such as “Awesome”, “Super”, “Warning” on separate color paper strips. Attach each strip to a piece of Hygloss art board. Write students names onto clothespins. Attach each clothespin to the various parts of the chart every day. Reward weekly good behavior with a gold star. Parents you could alter this chart for chores in the home or for behavior.

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5. **Goal Setting Chart:** Parents/Teachers work with kids to create a motivational goal chart that is based on the individual child’s strengths. Create daily, weekly and monthly goals that each child can achieve. Use color coded star stickers to code progress. Promotes motivation, goal strategy and building exercise.

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6. **Travel and School Pennants:** Here is a great way to expose your children to travel, geography and various educational facilities. Parents have your kids create a yearly back to school pennant banner that has their name, grade, school on it. Have them create one around the current theme they are enjoying such as Minecraft, Pokemon, and Robots. Reminisce about summer vacation or holiday travel, while teaching some geography with a travel pennant. Teachers this would be a great side activity for a geography book report or holiday assignment. With some felt, pennant paper, letters and imagination, any child can create a pennant. In addition have the kids color in the

states they have visited on a Map of the USA Poster from Hygloss using markers, pencils and pens.

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7. **Historical Peg People:** Teachers have each student personalize their own wooden peg person that resembles an historical icon. This project is perfect for introducing a new decade in history and could be done during class. Place each one in a classroom style shadow box or painted cardboard. Attach your name and the student's names onto the box. Fill with your students historical peg people. Examples; Revolutionary War- George or Martha Washington, French Revolution-Marie Antoinette, Pilgrims and Indians. Fun child building activity. Promotes unity, team building and working together while learning about history.

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8. **Story Jars:** Write down about 50 words that describe a variety of people, places and things. Example; Ice Cream, Brown, Rainbow, New York, Roses, Stars. Place all the words in a jar. Shake the jar up, and sprinkle out 10 words. Give each child a piece of paper and pen. Set a timer for 5 minutes and have them write a quick story. This builds spelling, word and writing skills. A creative way to help kids think out of the box and have some fun doing it. A great creative writing activity. Go one step further and have your kids write these fun and quirky stories down in a Hygloss Storybook. Then have them illustrate them.

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9. Historical Peg People: Woodland Animal Reports: Teachers have students write and draw about their favorite woodland animals. Mix with fact sheets, a fictional story and illustrations. This project works well in Hygloss Blank Books. Perfect for writing and storytelling skills. Plus teaches kids about various woodland animals.

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10. My Family Tree: With the My Family Tree creative learning poster, kids can connect back to their heritage, their ancestors and discover things about their family and themselves that they never knew before. This is a great project to do with the students in the first half of the school year.

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