



Guardians of the Galleries

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This theme was written in collaboration with our Chief Conservator, and focuses on conservation practices at our Museum. These provocations invite infants to explore **cause and effect** and **color theory**.

Cause and effect: Infants might bang materials against each other to create sound, pull materials off of a surface, or rearrange materials as a way to explore cause and effect.

Color theory: Infants might manipulate materials to create new color combinations, be drawn to one color, or gaze between colors.

You are your baby's first and best teacher! Providing early arts experiences for your infant can support their learning in many ways.



We encourage caregivers to let their child lead in the galleries! Using joint attention, noticing what infants are interested in and talking about that object, helps support early language and literacy development. Infants might express their interest by gazing at an object, pointing, reaching, vocalizing, or smiling. Notice what they are observing around them!

“Art Crawl has given me the ability to take what we learn here outside of the Museum. I am better equipped to talk about colors, shapes, and textures out in nature and in the real world.”

—ART CRAWL CAREGIVER



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