October Virtual Choice Board

Fall Themed Choice Board:



Create your own Pepper's Ghost! This illusion is a tried and true trick that dates back to 1584. With just a few basic materials, construct a projection pyramid to produce an authentic-looking apparition—all while learning the science of optics. Click <u>here</u> for details.



Pumpkin Decorating Try some no carve pumpkin decorating ideas <u>here</u>. Keep in mind that kids under the age of 14 should not be carving a pumpkin on their own, unless their parent/guardian is there to supervise for safety. They can still decorate and outline their pumpkin with you.



Try a Virtual Escape Room! Check out the following sites below which each have lists of multiple different types of escape rooms! You can pick one with your mentee and then share your screen while video chatting to solve them together! Online Escape Rooms - TPL Teens (typepad.com) OR Thunder Bay Public Library - Online Activities (tbpl.ca)



Make creepy Halloween cups! This fun craft uses simple items like plastic cups and googly eyes to make cups decorated like a pumpkin, Frankenstein, a spider, or a ghost. Click <u>here</u> for details.



Wood Branch Pumpkin Craft Have your mentee collect sticks on a nature walk (that they do separately without you), then try this trendy branch craft. Click <u>here</u> for details.



Learn some magic tricks! Learn some magic tricks together with your mentee! LEARN MAGIC | Toronto Magician (brentandsarah.com)



Tween/teen Halloween Crafts Check this link for a variety of crafts geared for the tween/teen age. <u>30+ Halloween Crafts for Tweens and</u> Teens - Buggy and Buddy



DIY Leaf Crown Make a crown using need different coloured construction papers, scissors, and tape or glue. You can also switch out for real leaves. You can cut a strip of



Fall themed flipbook Try making a simple flipbook that is fall themed. Some fun examples can be



Self-Inflating Balloon Experiment! In this science activity you will blow up your Halloween-themed balloons by forming a chemical reaction, using baking soda and vinegar! Click <u>here</u> for details.



Make a gratitude Jar, thank you cards and more! Check this site out for a plethora of various gratitude activities! <u>30 Gratitude Games and Activities for Kids</u> to Practice Thankfulness | Bestow



Ghost Pumpkin Volcano Experiment! You will need a pumpkin, vinegar, baking soda and glitter (optional). Carve your pumpkin and mix together vinegar and baking soda separately. Pour the mixture construction paper and tape it into its circular shape to fit your head, and then start decorating with different coloured leaves! leaves falling from trees, a ghost moving throughout the page, jumping in a pile of leaves, etc. <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=29S</u> CiHN9zCI into the pumpkin and watch science do its magic! Click <u>here</u> for full details.



Paper Bag Monsters

Using markers/paint, a paper bag, coloured paper, and glue you can create your very own monster puppet. It can be decorated as scary or as friendly as you like!

Link to instructions:

https://iheartcraftythings.com/p aper-bag-monster-puppets.html



Turkey Paper Plate Wreath!

Using simple materials like a paper plate, markers, construction paper, glue, scissors, and stapler. You and your mentee can make a wreath for Thanksgiving. After decorated, it can be hung up on a door or a mantel! Link to instructions:

https://iheartcraftythings.com/paperplate-thanksgiving-turkey-wreath.html



Make a Halloween paper plate craft!

Create a paper plate that shows an image of a witch flying on her broom. This craft is easy to create and involves very limited materials, the kids will be able to play with their witch after the plate is complete. Click here for details.

Conversation Prompts/Games:



FALL Word Scramble:



You and your mentee can try to unscramble these fall related words below. You can share your screen by showing this page in the document to them so you can both see and guess the words. *answers on next page

Unscramble the following:

- 1. vehrast
- 2. nikumpp
- 3. tshog
- 4. oalwhlene
- 5. alef
- 6. tocbero
- 7. koopsy
- 8. reinbof
- 9. raohcdr

Answers:

- 1. harvest
- 2. pumpkin
- 3. ghost
- 4. Halloween
- 5. leaf
- 6. October
- 7. spooky
- 8. bonfire
- 9. orchard



Gratitude questions:

Use the following gratitude questions during your weekly sessions with your mentee. You can choose which questions fit best with your mentee's age and development.

- What is the most delicious thing you've eaten this week?
- 2. What is your favourite moment of this week?
- 3. Who is someone that always listens to you?
- 4. What made you smile/laugh recently?
- 5. I showed gratitude by...
- 6. When was a time you were able to help someone?
- 7. What is something unique about your family that you are grateful for?

Try the following Gratitude Hunt with your Mentee!

You can either discuss the answers, or you can share this sheet with them and then each take pictures of the things below during the week and share with each other the next meeting.





SCAVENGER HUNT

SOMETHING I'M GRATEFUL FOR ...

- l. in nature
- 2. that makes a beautiful sound
- 3. that tastes good
- 4. that smells amazing
- 5. that has been hard for me
- 6. that I would like to share with others
- 7. that I recently discovered or learned
- 8. that show a vibrant colour
- 9. that has words on it
- 10. that is older than me
- 11. that makes me feel strong
- 12. that makes me laugh
- 13. that makes me cry
- 14. that is someone I love