



## OCTOBER

### Bowerbird/Tie Dye

Creativity – using your imagination to do something unique.



Car Time – Listen and sing about the value!

“Nobody Like You” on Nobody Like You album

<http://itunes.apple.com/us/album/nobody-like-you/id366997500?i=366998121>



Open Wide – JUST FOR FUN:

What does the color red smell like?

#### DISCUSSION STARTER:

“Creativity is allowing yourself to make mistakes.” – Scott Adams

When you use your imagination to the fullest, you are going to mess up. But if you let yourself make mistakes without getting discouraged, you understand what it really means to be creative. Think of all the people who have done something unique. Do you think Picasso ever colored outside the lines or any of Einstein’s experiments went wrong? Of course! But since they were okay with making mistakes, they were able to do something totally unique.

#### WHAT DO YOU THINK?

- Have you ever given up on something because you made a mistake? When?
- If you could invent something, what would it be? How would you do it?
- What kinds of unique things have been invented because someone wasn’t afraid to make a few mistakes?
- What do you love to do? Brainstorm ways you could do something unique with your talent or interest.



Rest – K-2: Walter the Baker by: Eric Carle; The Duke and Duchess love the sweet rolls prepared by Walter the Baker each morning. One morning, an accident forces Walter to change his recipe, which results in a bad tasting sweet roll. In order to stay in the kingdom, the Duke orders Walter to create “a roll through which the rising sun can shine three times, be made from one piece of dough, and taste good.” In his effort to please the Duke and Duchess, and to prevent being banished from his homeland, Walter creates the pretzel.

3-5: A Poke in the I: A Collection of Concrete Poems by: Paul B. Janeczko; “These aren’t poems to read aloud, but to look at and laugh at together, with young children and especially older readers, who will enjoy the surprise of what words look like and what can be done with them.” Concrete poems startle and delight the eye and mind. The size and arrangement of words and letters can add or alter meaning forming a poem that takes the shape of crows that fly off the page or becoming a balloon filled with rhyme, drifting away from outstretched hands. Tucked inside the front cover, are tips, guidelines, and inspiration for writing your own concrete poems.



Experience – You don’t have to be da Vinci or van Gogh to make a unique piece of art. All you need is a few art supplies and an imagination. So this month, gather your family together and make something unique! Give each person a large, blank sheet of white paper. Provide each family member with the same spread of unconventional art supplies and see how your masterpieces differ from one another’s. The items should be simple things lying in or around your house. Ex: toilet paper rolls, leaves, cereal boxes, chewing gum, soda cans, magazine clippings, dog food, etc. Spend an hour or so creating, arranging, and gluing your masterpieces together. You’ll be amazed at your family’s creativity!