Summer ARTS Adventure

STARRING

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OPENING NIGHTS PERFORMING ARTS
Using this guide is easy as...

1. **Read!**

   Every arts adventure begins with a spark of creativity, and books provide endless inspiration! Explore the books and materials available in your local library to find your inspiration!

2. **Create!**

   Use the suggestions in this guide to create your own works of art. Each page contains projects and activities based around an arts profession. Certain activities use templates, which can be downloaded at fcrr.fsu.edu/summer. Try each one and fill in the star at the top of each page once you’ve completed all of the activities in one section.

3. **Share!**

   Art is meant to be shared! Invite your friends and family to read your stories or watch your performances. Enjoy making them smile and be open to their feedback. They can offer you advice to help improve your works over time.
The book that inspires me to write is: 

Tell your own story
Try writing your autobiography by following the classic story arc shown below. Use an experience you remember well as the basis for your tale. Share your story with friends and family.

New Vocabulary
Antagonist
A person in a story who is the hero’s opponent or the bad guy

Autobiography
A true story of a person’s life written by him or herself

Conflict
The struggle between opposing forces or ideas

Fiction
A story that describes imaginary events and people

Protagonist
A person in a story who is the main character or hero

Design a character to add to the book you read
New characters are all around you! Look for unique traits in your friends or family and apply them to your own creations. A robot that hums like you while doing chores? A cat who’s clumsy like one of your friends? The possibilities are endless.
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New Vocabulary

Cut
A term used by the director to stop filming on set

Dialogue
Written conversation between two or more people

Premiere
The first showing of a movie

Shot
The moment that the camera starts rolling until the moment it stops

Storyboard
A sequence of drawings with directions and dialogue, which show the shots planned for a movie.

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Movie poster

A bold movie poster will help people understand what your movie is about. Draw one for your film!
Build a set
Bring your audience into the world of your play by crafting a set. If your set is inside, then use small items from around the house to create a special space. If your set is outside, then use sticks and leaves to create a forest or park.

Act out your favorite part from the book you read
Pick your favorite part from the book you read and act it out with your friends or siblings. Create a script using the story's dialogue and distribute to the cast. Make sure to rehearse your lines so you don’t forget any cues when you perform your play for an audience.

Make costumes for your show
Don’t forget to create costumes for your show! See what items from around your house can be used, and enhance your costumes with accessories made from paper.

New Vocabulary
- **Monologue**: A long speech made by one actor in a play
- **Props**: An object used on stage by actors during a performance
- **Rehearsal**: A practice performance of the play for a later public performance
- **Set**: The painted backdrop on a stage that represents where the story takes place
- **Sonnet**: A poem with 14 lines
New Vocabulary

Harmony
Two or more different notes played or sung at the same time

Lyrics
The words of a song

Notes
Musical symbols that represent sounds

Percussion
Any instrument that is struck, shaken or hammered

Pitch
The highness and lowness of a sound

Musician

The book that inspires me to make music is:

Write a song based on the book you read

Stories are often the inspiration for popular songs. Try writing a song based on the book you read. Use the lines below to create a chorus of four rhyming verses. You can write your song about one particular character, or adapt the entire story as a song.

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Make instruments from household items

There are several places around your home you'll be able to find a hiding instrument if you use your imagination. See what you can find!
New Vocabulary

Choreographer
A person who creates a number of steps and moves for a performance of dance

Movement
Action made by the body

Space
The area covered by the dance movements

Time
How fast or slow, even or uneven, and long or short the movement is

Warm Up
What you do before you start dancing, practicing gently or stretching

Make dance chart
A dance chart helps you remember the particular steps of a dance while rehearsing. Use images of heels, clearly labeled “Left” or “Right,” and connect them with arrows. Keep your routine short and repeat it three to four times.

Create a dance based on the book you read
Create a dance that tells a story using only body movements. Exaggerate your body language and facial expressions to convey feeling and emotion in your dance. Invite your audience to guess what story you are telling through dance.

Incorporate props
Props have long been used to enhance dances in every culture. There are many traditional dance props including the baton, flags, and ribbons. Costumes may often act as props as well.

The book that inspires me to dance is:

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