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GALLI GALLI SIM SIM™

Parents and Educators



Neighbourhood Mural

Suggested Age

- Pre-Kindergarten
- Kindergarten
- Standard I
- Standard II

Educational Goal

- Encourage children to appreciate their community.



Materials

- Long, tall piece of paper
- Markers and crayons



Directions

- Go for a walk in your neighbourhood with your child. As you walk, discuss what you see.
- Have your child observe people in the neighbourhood. Ask your child, “What are they wearing? What jobs do they do?”
- Have your child observe the buildings. Have your child point out temples, roadside stands, and other landmarks.
- When you return home, spread out a large piece of paper and ask your child to draw the buildings that he or she just saw. Ask your child, “How can you tell the buildings apart?” Have older children to write the names of buildings next to their illustrations.
- Have your child draw the people he or she just saw. Have older children to write the names of people and their jobs next to their illustrations.
- Have your child draw any other details he or she remembers. Ask your child, “Are there animals that live in your neighborhood that you want to include? Are there trees or plants that are special to you?”
- When you finish, hang the mural up and celebrate.

Additional Activities

- Read a picture book about neighbourhoods in India and around the world.
- Draw an imaginary neighbourhood in an imaginary place. Ask your child, “How is it different than your neighbourhood? How is it similar?”
- Look through magazines and books for pictures of neighbourhoods around the world.
- Discuss Galli Galli Sim Sim. Ask your child, “Who lives in this neighbourhood? Who works there? What are the houses and buildings like there?”