The project on the next page goes along with the book *Carmela Full of Wishes* written by Matt de la Peña and Illustrated by Christian Robinson.

In this story, we join Carmela on her birthday adventure into town with her brother! Along the way, she finds something special that requires her to make a wish. What will her wish be?

For our art activity, we’ll be creating our own dandelions out of paint and q-tips. Practicing painting with q-tips is a wonderful and simple way to help develop a child’s fine motor skills, and flex those creative muscles!

**MUSEUM CONNECTION**

This activity was inspired by *Dandelion Bouquet*, a photograph taken by artist Cy DeCosse. This is an amazing close up photo of a dandelion flower, and it was created using a very interesting process! This photo was printed using platinum, and when done correctly platinum prints can last thousands of years! That is a very long time! I wonder what people will wish on dandelions in a thousand years? What would you wish for?

This work is not currently on view, but click here to see more platinum prints by Cy DeCosse.

**STANDARDS:**
- IVA.1
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ACTIVITY
DANDELION PAINTING

MATERIALS:
COLORED PAPER, WHITE PAINT, RUBBER BAND, QTIPS OR COTTON BALLS

DIFFICULTY LEVEL:
SIMPLE

DIRECTIONS:

1. Choose a piece of colored paper, preferably a dark shade since we are using white paint
2. Take a few q-tips and wrap a rubber band around them to create one big q-tip
3. Dip your giant q-tip into white paint and against the paper a few times in a circle for the dandelion flower
4. Use one q-tip to paint a stem on the dandelion, and add a few floating puffs on your paper
5. What an amazing dandelion! Be sure to make a wish, but don’t tell anyone or it won’t come true!

WE WOULD LOVE TO SEE WHAT YOU CREATE!

Click here to share your masterpiece on our Family Programs Facebook Group!

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