MONSTERS

This project was inspired by this painting titled *Copy after Arpino’s Perseus and Andromeda* by the workshop of Guiseppe Cesari. This painting shows the moment in when the hero Perseus rescues a woman named Andromeda from being eaten by a sea monster. But what if the monster in this painting is just living its own life and going for a casual swim? Monsters just can’t help it if people find them scary!

For our activity, we are creating monsters from clay and coming up with stories about how they live their normal, everyday lives.

**Materials:** Model Magic/Clay/Play-Doh, googley eyes, other decorations

**Directions:**

Think of a real or imaginary monster who looks scary. Start to build that form out of clay.

As you grow your sculpture, think of what kind of everyday things your monster likes to do! Maybe they go to work in an office, or maybe they like to do Yoga on Wednesdays! Come up with a story to go along with your monster—maybe even give them a name!
More To Explore

Questions to ask your little one about the painting:

- Do you think this monster looks scary? Why or why not?
- What do you think the story is? Why is this monster here with these people?
- What kind of monster is it? What does he do?

Questions to ask your little one about their Art:

- What kind of monster are you making?
- What is the monster’s name?
- What does the monster like to do every day?
- Do you think your monster is like the monster in the painting?

(Not So Scary) Monster related books to read together:

*If you don’t have these books at home, youtube.com has read-aloud videos*

- Quit Calling Me a Monster! By Jory John
- The Color Monster by Anna Llenas
- Leonardo the Terrible Monster by Mo Willems
- My Teacher is a Monster! (No I am Not) by Peter Brown
- Where the Wild Things Are by Maurice Sendak