The project on the next page goes along with the book *There Are No Bears in This Bakery* by Julia Sarcone-Roach.

If you don’t have this book, click here to listen to the book read aloud by a member of The Ringling’s Education Staff!

In this book, Muffin the cat keeps watch over Little Bear Bakery during the night. Don’t worry, Muffin says there are no bears in Little Bear Bakery! Except one night, Muffin hears a new sound. It turns out to be the grumbling belly of a hungry little bear! To stop the grumbling, Muffin and the little bear snack on all the desserts they can find. As a new day begins, Muffin’s night watch ends with a big bear hug and a little cat nap.

For the art activity on the next page, we will be making our own desserts to refill Little Bear Bakery. Use puffy paint to decorate your own treats for Muffin to watch over during the next night shift.

**MUSEUM CONNECTION**

This project was inspired by the Howard Bros Circus Model in the Tibbals Learning Center. Howard Tibbals dedicated his life to making the miniature circus model you can see today. It uses 44,000 pieces and 3,800 square feet to re-create the Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey® Circus he remembered from his childhood. However, the Circus Miniature doesn’t just show the big top circus tent, but also behind the scenes of circus life. In these tents, circus performers and staff would live and eat together. What treats might you eat at the circus? Popcorn, cotton candy, ice cream?

**STANDARDS:**

- LAFS.K.RL.1.3
- LAFS.K.RF.4.4
- VA.K.S.1.1
ACTIVITY
THERE ARE NO BEARS IN THIS BAKERY

MATERIALS:
SHAVING CREAM, GLUE, FOOD COLORING, CRAFT STICKS, CARDBOARD OR THICK PAPER, GLITTER/SEQUINS

DIFFICULTY LEVEL:
SIMPLE

MAKE A PUFFY PAINT DESSERT!

DIRECTIONS:

1. To make puffy paint icing: In a bowl, mix 3 parts shaving cream to 1 part glue. Stir well then add a drop of food coloring to the mixture. Stir well again.

2. To decorate your cardboard desserts: Use a craft stick to scoop out the puffy paint icing and spread it across your cardboard cookie. Your craft stick has become an icing spatula!

3. Decorate your treats for Muffin and the little bear using glitter, sequins, and more!

WE WOULD LOVE TO SEE WHAT YOU CREATE!

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

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