



The project on the next page goes along with the book *Dragons love Tacos* written by Adam Rubin and illustrated by Daniel Salmieri.

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!

This hilarious book features great party tips for hosting a dragon party and directions on how to prepare everyone's favorite snack, as well as what to avoid. This book's silly illustrations and unlikely friendships really take it over the top!

For the art activity on the next page, we are creating our own dragon snouts. Unfortunately, these dragons (like the ones in our story) accidentally ate some spicy salsa...so they are breathing fire! Watch out!



Jar (with imperial dragons), 1522-1566. Porcelain with green and black enamels, Overall: 2 3/4 x 4 1/16 in. Gift of Ira and Nancy Koger, 2001. SN11122.50

MUSEUM CONNECTION

This project was inspired by this porcelain jar which features a green dragon (luckily it seems these dragons have not eaten spicy salsa)! In China, dragons have been important cultural symbols for over 6,000 years! While many western cultures view dragons as fiery and ferocious creatures, Chinese dragons were seen as wise and caring. They are

associated with water, sometimes living in lakes and rivers and controlling rainfall, floods, and typhoons. They are also seen as symbols of good fortune and prosperity—so much so that the dragon was adopted as the symbol of the emperor himself!

STANDARDS:

LAFS.K.RL.1.3

SS.K.A.3.1

VA.K.O.2.1



DRAGONS IN THE CIRCUS?

The Ringling has so many amazing circus costumes! One of our favorites in the collection is the orange dragon costume illustration!

Unknown, *Orange Dragon Costume*. Paint on paper, 13 x 11 in. Tibbals Circus Collection. ht3000923

ACTIVITY

DRAGONS LOVE TACOS

MATERIALS:
CARDBOARD TUBES, PAINT/MARKERS, PAPER,
SCISSORS, AND GLUE/TAPE

DIFFICULTY LEVEL:
SIMPLE



MAKE A FIRE-BREATHING DRAGON SNOOT!

DIRECTIONS:

1. First, decide what color you want your dragon snout to be. Color your cardboard tube that color—this tube will be your snout!
2. Next add some fun designs to decorate your snout.
3. Finally, use glue or tape to attach strips of the red, orange and yellow paper to the inside of your cardboard tube.
4. Now hold the tube up to your mouth and blow! Woah! You must have eaten some spicy salsa, dragon!

WE WOULD LOVE TO SEE WHAT YOU CREATE!

Click [here](#) to share your masterpiece on our Family Programs Facebook Group!

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