

Grades 3–4: Activity 1

All about Me

Parents and caregivers! Try this simple activity at home with your child

Look at Philip Morsberger's *Man with a Necktie*. Although we are not sure that this painting is a self-portrait, we are sure that it is a very colorful expression by the artist. Morsberger created a painting that has rhythm, movement, and certain emotions.

For this activity, help your child create a box that is a direct expression of his life. Each side of the box will speak about his future goals and present attitudes.

Materials:

Empty tissue box
Construction or plain white paper
Crayons
Glue and scissors
Two photographs of your child

Steps:

1. Help your child find two photographs of just themselves or with family members or friends.
2. Cut out six pieces of paper that are the same size as the sides of the empty tissue box.
3. On two of the sides, glue the photographs down. On the remaining four sides, have your child write about his future goals and present likes and dislikes. For example, what he wants to be doing in ten years, the types of movies or books he likes, his best friends or pets, etc. Encourage your child to create an illustration for each side by using crayons.
4. Once the sides are completed, glue them to the empty tissue box. Let it dry overnight.

