CLOWN BOOKMARK

MATERIALS FOR 1 BOOKMARK:

1 Cereal Box (or thin cardboard box, file folder, card stock) Paint Paint Brushes Craft Foam (or construction paper or cardboard) Scissors Tape Craft Glue 1 Ruler Markers 2 Googly Eyes (optional) Pompoms, Feathers, Stickers, etc (optional)

Directions:

First, create the body.

- 1. On the cereal box draw a rectangle that is 8" long and $1\frac{1}{2}$ " wide. Cut it out.
- 2. Paint the rectangle. You can use lots of colors, polka-dots, stripes and whatever else you like.

Next, add the hands, the feet, and the head.

3. Using craft foam (or construction paper or cardboard) cut out a clown head, shoes, hands, hair, hat, bow tie, etc.

Hint: A template is provided but it's totally fine to design your own.

NOTE: If younger kids find this challenging it usually is because they need extra help with steps 1 and 3 but then can complete the rest.

Finally, put it all together!

- 4. Glue the clown shoes onto the bottom of the rectangle.
- 5. Glue the hands onto the side of the rectangle.
- 6. Use the markers to draw a face on the clown head. You can glue on googly eyes or use a marker to draw eyes. It's always fun to include a hat or feathers in the hair or pompoms on the shoes.
- 7. Glue the head onto the cardboard.
- 8. Read lots and lots of books and use your clown to hold your place! Enjoy!

Storyologist Idea: Make Me Laugh!

Clowns love making people laugh. How about you? Do you have a favorite joke? Write it down and tell it to a friend. Don't know any jokes? Do some research! Look up jokes online or head to the library to find some joke books.

Math Fun Fact: Where Does the Word CIRCUS Come From?

The word CIRCUS comes from the Latin word for circle.

Here's another fun fact; if you divide the circumference (distance around the circle) of any circle by the radius (distance half-way across the circle), you will always wind up with the same number no matter how big or small the circle is. That number is called Pi. Clowns love to throw pies! But even though Pi and Pie sound alike, they are very different things.

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