## Art

- The child learned about different shapes and textures by manipulating and arranging the pasta pieces.
- They explored colors by using food coloring or paint to dye the pasta before creating artwork.
- They practiced fine motor skills by stringing pasta onto a thread or yarn to make necklaces or bracelets.
- The child learned about patterns and symmetry by arranging the pasta in a symmetrical design or repeating patterns in their artwork.

For continued development, encourage the child to experiment with different types of pasta such as penne or farfalle, and explore various art techniques like collage or mixed media using pasta as a medium. They can also try creating pasta sculptures by gluing different shapes and sizes of pasta together.

## **Book Recommendations**

- <u>Pasta by Design</u> by George L. Legendre: This book introduces the child to the world of pasta shapes and their design, showcasing how different shapes can hold different sauces and flavors.
- <u>Strega Nona</u> by Tomie dePaola: This classic children's book tells the story of a magical pasta pot and the adventures that unfold when it is misused.
- <u>The Great Pasta Escape</u> by Miranda Paul and Javier Joaquin: This fun and imaginative story follows pasta noodles on their quest for freedom from the pasta factory.

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