

Between Two Windows

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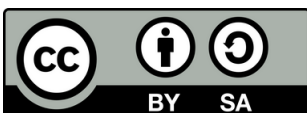


***Between Two Windows* is about friendship and community built through art and shared story. Two friends, Mateo and Kayla, pass their artwork back and forth along a clothesline strung between two windows. Their playful exchange weaves art, adventure, and creativity into a living story that connects their two worlds.**

Activity Ideas for *Between Two Windows*:

- Just like Kayla and Mateo, get outside for messy fun and creative play! Use sidewalk chalk to draw hopscotch grids, family art murals, or even design your own maze. These activities boost fine motor skills, letter formation, and spatial awareness. No chalk? No worries! Mix equal parts cornstarch and water with a few drops of your favorite food coloring to make washable, vibrant chalk paint.
- Inspired by the characters' turn-taking in *Between Two Windows*, start by drawing a simple shape and invite a family member to add their artistic touch. Pass the paper around, with each person transforming the drawing. Add a timer for one-minute drawing rounds to encourage quick thinking and narrative skills, all while enhancing fine motor control and creativity.
- In the book, Mateo and Kayla use a clothesline to pass artwork. Create your own family zipline for messages by stringing up a clothesline in your backyard or living room. Clip your notes or drawings onto it to share messages and imaginative ideas. This hands-on project promotes letter recognition, creative writing, and storytelling, bringing your family together in a playful, adventurous way.

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