

WELCOME FALL!



Inspired by paper artist and children's book illustrator Elly MacKay, our corresponding art project is to create a **cracker box diorama**. While MacKay's illustrations reflect the author's words, your starting point will be to consider the aspects of fall that you love. It may be an annual tradition and activity or the beauty of the fall season that inspires you. As the final project will be three dimensional, consider how you can incorporate depth into your scene.

Begin by creating a few sketches of your scene. With each drawing, consider different ways to illustrate your idea before deciding on your final design. Gather your materials, including a small cardboard box and any watercolor paper, scissors, watercolor paint, markers or other coloring materials you may want to use.

Now it's time to build your diorama. With the help of an adult, cut out the front of the box to create a large window. Using your paper and drawing materials, build your scene by creating the background, middle ground and foreground. Cut out each element and place them in their inside to add depth to your scene.

For more information on MacKay's work and her process, visit her website at theatercloud.com.

Share your approach to this project using #LymanAllynAtHome and you may see your creations on our social media pages!



Images from Elly MacKay's website.

October Book of the Month

Fall Leaves

Our October #BookoftheMonth invites readers to dive further into the beauty of fall and the annual changes that occur in nature. Beautifully told through poetry, Loretta Holland's words are complemented with the thoughtful and unique illustration style of Elly MacKay. Her light-box illustrations add depth and intimacy that tell a story of their own. We hope this book is one that readers take their time with and revisit for both the words and illustrations.