MY ART BAG
Harley and The Davidsonsons: Motorcycle Legends

1. Arthur and Bill were great friends. Write a letter to a good/best friend.

2. Write about what you like to do with your friend(s).

3. Edward Pennington brought his motorcycle to Milwaukee for a demonstration. Create a poster advertising his amazing machine!

4. Explain horsepower in a drawing – use labels in the diagram.

5. Be a draftsperson and sketch your original idea for a new and improved bicycle.

6. Create a timeline of how Arthur, Bill, and the others began Harley-Davidson. Use adding machine tape or receipt tape – draw sketches for each important moment in the timeline.

7. Create business cards for each person – Arthur, Bill, William and Walter. Be sure to highlight their talent on the card.

8. Walter Davidson was a talented motorcycle racer and the conditions of the tracks were quite varied and at times dangerous – create an obstacle course using recyclables and maneuver marbles, small cars or trucks through the created terrain.
10. Design a motorcycle helmet that you would wear. Create advertising that would persuade others to purchase your original helmet.

11. Compare and contrast the first Harley-Davidson motorcycles to those that are made today.

12. Write a letter to the Harley-Davidson company and ask questions about education needed, career opportunities, and what they like most about working there.

13. Design your own motorcycle!


15. Arthur, Bill, and the rest did a lot of sketching. Observe around your house, your bedroom, living room and outdoors. Find something of interest that you would like to sketch in your sketchbook.


17. Create a newscast about the Harley-Davidson story. Put in commercials that would be appropriate for the historical times.


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About the Project

Creative expression through art can bring a sense of calming, wonder and joy. During these uncertain times, we feel strongly that support for the arts, especially arts education for children, is critical to helping them deal with the unprecedented challenges they face daily.

Black Box Fund and Arts @ Large have collaborated to bring you “My Art Bag” project kits for children in Milwaukee. This series of six different bags for children ages 3 to 13 will contain a variety of art supplies, an age-appropriate book and art curriculum specifically tied to the book.

We hope that the contents of this bag will provide you and your child the opportunity to ignite the creative spark that lives in the heart of everyone – regardless of age.

Share your work with us! #MyArtBagMKE

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