

## *Jabari Tries* Extension Activities for the Classroom

### Science:

#### Exploring Forces



Use a ramp and toy cars to investigate concepts like gravity, friction, speed, and motion.

### Music & Movement:

#### Fly or Can't Fly

Have children pretend to "fly" around the room. Name things that can fly and things that can't fly. (Examples: planes, butterflies, birds, boats, houses, cows, etc.) Whenever the children hear the name of something that can't fly, have them slow down and gently "land" on the ground.

#### **"I'm a Little Airplane" (Tune: "I'm a Little Teapot")**

I'm a little airplane.

*(children raise arms at sides to shoulder height)*

Now watch me fly!

*(They spin one of their arms in front of them as if it were a propeller)*

Here are my instruments

From down low to up high.

*(With their other arm, they reach from the ground to above their heads)*

First I get revved up,

*(Children make engine-like noises while still spinning their arms)*

Then I can fly.

*(Children raise arms to shoulder height)*

Lifting off the runway

*(They start walking forward)*

Up into the sky!

*(They go up on their tiptoes and continue to move forward. Let them circle a while before returning to their original positions.)*

## Art:

### Chain Reaction Painting

Each child adds a brushstroke or shape to a canvas, then passes it to the next, creating a unique, collaborative piece.

### Paper Tube Airplane



Materials needed:  
2 paper towel tubes  
A small piece of construction paper or craft foam  
White craft glue  
Scissors  
Paint and paintbrush  
Stickers

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## Math:

### Paper Quilt



In this collaborative mural, students cut out and decorate a paper circle. Then they cut it into fourths and arrange it however they like on a square of paper. Assemble all the squares into a big quilt-like mural. (Concepts – shapes, colors, fractions and counting)

If you and your class enjoyed reading *Jabari Tries*, be sure to check out these books too:

- *After the Fall*, by Dan Santat
- *Ricky, the Rock That Couldn't Roll*, by Mr. Jay
- *Jabari Jumps*, by Gaia Cornwall