



FAMILY FUN GUIDE

The Ugly Duckling

The City of Tampa's Creative Arts Theatre's mission is to encourage literacy throughout Hillsborough County through the magic of live performance.



TALK ABOUT IT

The Ugly Duckling, a new play by Creative Arts Theatre, may bring up questions in your family. Ask your children what they learned, and if they have any questions they would like to ask about the play.

Questions to start a discussion:

- How did Elmer's mom help him?
- Have you ever felt the way Elmer feels at the beginning? What did you do?
- Have you ever seen something like this play happen in real life? What happened? What did you do?
- Which characters made good choices?
- Which characters made bad choices? Why do you think they made those choices?
- How did Elmer's feelings affect the way he saw the other characters?
- What happened in the end?
- How did Elmer change?
- How did the other characters change?
- How did Elmer help the other characters?

Use this Family Fun Guide to enrich your family's experience of the play!



FUN ACTIVITIES

SCIENCE AND WEATHER

In *The Ugly Duckling*, Elmer knows a lot about the weather! Here are some activities to help you explore the weather further.



➤ **Catch the Rain:** On a rainy day, place a container outside. Measure how much rain your container collects each hour or on various days! Use different shaped containers to catch the rain. Do some containers catch more rain than others? Why?

➤ **Cloud Watching:** Go outside and find a comfy spot to relax and look up at the sky. Look at all the different clouds. How do they look? Which direction are they are moving? Do any of the clouds look like anything?

➤ **Chart the Forecast:** Find out the weather forecast for your area for the next five days. Write down the predicted temperatures and if there is a chance of rain.

- Use this chart to see how the actual weather compares to the forecast. Note if it rains, and use a thermometer or a weather app to find out the temperature on the actual day.

	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5
Forecast Temperature					
Actual Temperature					
Forecast Rain					
Actual Rain					

- Was the forecast right? Was it wrong? Why do you think that is?
- Do some research at your library to find out how meteorologists (scientists who learn about weather) predict and forecast the weather!

ACT IT OUT

Here is your chance to be a star!

➤ **Remember and Reenact:** Did you have a favorite scene in the play? Work together as a family to act it out! How did you act it the same? How was it different?



➤ **Add a Scene:** What other animals can be found on a farm? What kind of activity might they be good at? Make up a part of the play where Elmer meets your new characters. What could happen? Work together to act it out!

COLORING

Color this picture of a farm!



FUN ACTIVITIES

ART

Anyone can make art!

- **BAH-utiful Art:** The sheep in the play paint pictures of the same sunrise, but their paintings look very different. Have everyone in your family make a drawing or painting of the same thing! How are your paintings different? How are they the same?
- **Draw Your Favorite Part of the Play:** Was there a part in the play you liked the best? How about a favorite character? Make a picture of it, using crayons, pencils, markers, or paint!



IN YOUR COMMUNITY

There are a lot of activities to do around Tampa Bay together as a family!

- **Visit Your Local Park:** New Friends, New Places: The City of Tampa's parks are a great place to spend a day with new friends. The City of Tampa manages over 3,540 acres of parkland, 185 parks, 71 playgrounds, 26 recreation centers, nine dog parks, three skate parks, Marjorie Park Marina, and over 300 miles of trails. If you live outside of Tampa, check out a park near you!
- **Visit Your Local Library:** Find out about FREE activities and events by visiting the Hillsborough County Public Library website <http://www.hcplc.org/> with an adult! Libraries are great places to explore new ideas and cultures!
- **Visit a Cool Museum:** Some local museums have days or evenings when admission is discounted or even FREE. Do some research and experience some history, science, and art!

Come See Another Creative Arts Theatre Play!

Check our website for upcoming schedules!

<https://www.tampagov.net/theatre>

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