Flower Flags

Floriography: In the Victorian era, people would often send flowers to one another as messages. Certain flowers would have certain meanings. For instance, yellow roses mean “let’s be friends”.

Materials: Calico Fabric, Fresh Flowers or Leaves, Thin cardboard, Tape, Hammer, Cord, & Toothpicks

Instructions:
1) Parents: Sew the top of the fabric to create an opening later for the cord to go into.
2) Place the side of the flower or leaf you want printed, face up on a hard surface. Then put the calico fabric face down on top of the plant.
3) Tape down a thin piece of cardboard to the table surface so it doesn’t move.
4) Have your child hammer on top of the cardboard (Be careful of little fingers getting in the way!)
5) Pull back the cardboard and check the flower transfer. Lightly pound any areas that were missed.
6) Gently peel back flower 
7) Tape a toothpick to the end of the cord and string it through your flower flag.
8) Repeat with however many flower flags you would like.

Take it further: Read “Fletcher and the Springtime Blossoms” by Julia Rawlinson. YouTube Read-Aloud: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RXU2KYQRir8

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