One straw kite

Supplies:

- 2 sheets of 8 ½" x 11" paper
- 1 drinking straw
- ruler
- pen or pencil
- tape
- string/yarn
- hole punch (optional)

Make it unique!
Encourage children to customize their paper before creating kites. Use words, designs or any other creative idea. If you follow along with the illustrations, the design will be visible when the kite is flying in the air.

1. With the long edge along the bottom, fold one sheet of paper in half from left to right.

2. Keep the paper folded and draw a line across the paper 1 inch from the fold.

3. Fold back and forth on the line.

4. Draw a large dot 3" from the top edge and ½" from the fold.

5. Place a piece of clear tape over the dot. Make a hole through the dot and tape. (Optional: Use a hole punch.)

6. Hold paper at the bottom fold. Close the top section together and tape closed (2 strips are sufficient). Place approximately where the blue boxes are.
Draw a line 1" from the edge closest to the hole. Line is perpendicular to the folded edge.

Tape a straw on the line.

Thread the string through the hole from step 5. Knot the string.

Make a tail for the kite by cutting a sheet of paper into 6 strips, each 1 ¾" wide. (Recycle the leftover ½ inch strip.)

Tape the strips end to end to create a long tail.

Tape the tail on the opposite end of the kite from the straw.

Go fly your kite and have fun!