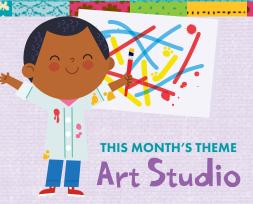
Family Newsletter



This month your child will explore the beauty and creative freedom of art through the studies of shapes and colors. They will explore world famous artists like Picasso, van Gogh, Monet and others. Your child will explore different art forms, brush strokes, art tools and discover their own ways to use art for expressive purposes. Each week, they will investigate a different country's art, culture and traditions. This artistic adventure is sure to touch each child in a unique way.



Children are artists.

Art contributes to the development of the whole child. When children participate in the artistic process, they benefit from a range of social-emotional, motor and cognitive skills. It encourages self-expression, develops fine motor control, fosters spatial relations, builds concepts in seriating, supports problem-solving skills and extends attention span.

Follow these tips to set up an inspiring art studio in your room:

- Rotate a variety of materials through the area on a regular basis.
- Use transparent recycled plastic containers to store the materials.
- Use a variety of writing tools for your child to explore. Some examples include chalk, markers, colored pencils and crayons.
- Encourage your child to find items in nature to add to the art area. This will encourage them to look for beauty and value in all places.
- Set out primary paint colors (red, yellow, blue and white) and encourage your child to mix the colors to create secondary colors (green, purple, pink and orange).
- Try using kitchen utensils, toothbrushes, washable toys and other unique items for diverse painting and stamping experiences.
- Add textures and smells for your child to mix into their paint or sprinkle on top of their creations. Try adding sand, rice, cornmeal, flour, oatmeal or spices.
- Provide a variety of items that can help create 3D structures, such as recycled tubes, bottles, caps, tape, glue and other adhesives.
- Celebrate your child's art and display it at their eye level.





I use my brain To make a masterpiece really great! the focus this month.





I Am an Artist by Pat Lowery Collins

To Be an Artist

by Maya Ajmera & John D. Ivanko

Matisse: The King of Color by Laurence Anholt

Artist Ted by Andrea Beaty