

Art and Creative Expression Curriculum

Infant Through Preschool Program

Art experiences support creativity, self expression, sensory exploration, fine motor development, and social-emotional growth while encouraging children to explore materials independently through developmentally appropriate activities.

Age Group	Activity Type	Developmental Focus	Examples of Activities	Duration	Frequency
6 Weeks-6 Months	Sensory Art Exposure	Sensory awareness, visual stimulation	High contrast images, texture exploration	5 Minutes	2-3 Times Weekly
6-12 Months	Infant Art Exploration	Fine motor development, sensory play	Finger painting in bags, edible paint, texture art	5-10 Minutes	2-3 Times Weekly
12-24 Months	Toddler Art Activities	Creativity, hand eye coordination	Crayons, sponge painting, stickers	10 Minutes	3 Times Weekly
2-3 Years	Process Art	Self expression, creativity	Collages, painting, seasonal crafts	10-15 Minutes	3-5 Times Weekly
3-4 Years	Creative Art Projects	Imagination, problem solving	Group murals, themed art, mixed media projects	15-20 Minutes	3-5 Times Weekly

Daily Art Integration Opportunities

Routine Time	Suggested Art Experience
Arrival Time	Coloring, drawing, and fine motor activities
Sensory Play	Texture art and open ended material exploration
Circle Time	Creative expression through music, movement, and drawing
Small Group Activities	Painting, collages, and seasonal crafts
Outdoor Play	Sidewalk chalk, nature art, and painting activities
Free Play	Independent access to art materials and creative exploration