

Visual Arts Learning Expectations Kindergarten

Creating, exploring and discovery are at the heart of visual arts instruction in kindergarten. Children experiment enthusiastically with art materials and investigate the processes and concepts presented to them. Students explore how artists communicate individual ideas with tools and materials. Manipulative skills emerge to allow the students to express themselves with the visual language of art making. Students are excited to share their understanding of the world.

Habits of Mind visible in the art making process

Thinking/Understanding:	Making/Developing Craft	Reflecting/Processing
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Engages in the habits of mind that develop artistic thinkingEnvisions possibilities for creating storiesDiscovers answers to curious questions by using art materialsRecognizes that artists tell stories with art materialsRecognizes that artists include important visual information in the images that supports the storyObserves the special properties of tools and materials that to express ideasRealizes that artists make art to communicate their understanding of the world	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Observes the ways artists in which artists can work to tell storiesConnects the thinking of ideas to the making of the image/formExperience tools and materials in a physical way to engage all the senses in art makingWorks from observation, memory and imaginationLearns to meet “mistakes” as a chance to learnStarts an artistic practice through observing and reflecting on process in repeated experiencesPractices with intention to improve craft	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Engages in reflection on the creative processEvaluates personal art work to connect learning that is made through both mistakes and successesArticulates the excitement of turning ideas into images and formsReacts to the physical experience of working with drawing materialsReflects on the process of creating stories with visual language

Artistic Practice Development visible in the art making process

Drawing Goal: To create compositions with multiple drawing tools through mark making, adding lines and forms to communicate the artists' intention

- Produces mark making from scribbles to lines, shapes and figures
- Bends lines to create shapes
- Builds hand strength and control through mark making with multiple mark making tools
- Varies the length and weight of lines within the image to add details to the ideas of the artist
- Draws only what is seen when working from observation

Painting Goal: To create a composition using paint to tell a story, express an emotion, suggest a feeling, develop a pattern or illustrate the relationship of colors

- Recognizes primary colors
- Mixes secondary colors
- Gains elementary control of paints and brush strokes
- Applies paint effectively to communicate imagined stories
- Chooses colors to express emotions and ideas within the painting

Printing Goal: To create a composition that transfers images using printmaking tools, stamps, stencils, and plates to other surfaces multiple times

- Builds inking plates/ stencils, stamps to transfer images
- Spreads ink on the inking plates with rollers
- Applies ink to stamp/ stencil in appropriate amounts to create an images
- Makes many images from one source (stencil/ stamp)
- Overlaps stamps/ stencils

Collage Goal: To create compositions that communicates the artists' intention by combining multiple pieces of paper/found materials together in one image.

- Tears, folds and bends paper to add to a collage
- Manipulates scissors and cuts the desired shapes/ forms
- Glues multiple pieces together in one image
- Uses different materials together in one imaged story
- Observes the amount of glue that is needed to be effective

3D Construction Goal: To construct a form that has multiple sides, height, width and depth, structural integrity, that embodies the artists' vision.

- Pinches, rolls and presses clay into shapes
- Folds, bends and rolls paper to create height, width, and depth.
- Connects multiple objects that are not flat
- Bends flexible, light weight wire into shapes
- Works with materials to created imagined form