Your Child and Art...How Parents Can Help!

1. Provide an accepting environment for your child's creativity.

2. Encourage your child, so that he/she will gain confidence.

3. Provide a variety of materials for your child's art projects. It is to be expected that students will be more interested and more successful in some media than others.

4. Allow time for children to exercise their creativity and support your child’s interpretation of his/her own work. Avoid imposing ideas, images, or standards to children’s work that are not their own.

5. Accept and praise your child's creations, realizing that even undeveloped scribbles and poorly proportioned symbols represent a necessary and important stage in the child’s development as a creative being.

6. Display and share his/her artwork within the home and with other family members.

7. If your child is interested, enroll him/her in local arts and crafts classes.

8. Help your child to follow-up all projects with a clean-up time.

9. Provide an appropriate place for your child to work on art projects.

10. Let your child know that you believe that his/her creative and artistic ability is an important capacity to develop.

11. Provide opportunities for your child to view various types of artwork in the community, in the media, and in exhibits.

12. As early as possible, encourage your child to move from coloring book type activities to projects that allow for a fuller expression of his/her creative ideas.

Need some additional ideas that will help you help your child to succeed?
Your child’s classroom teacher, or subject area teacher, is a wonderful source of ideas. Please feel free to contact them with your questions and concerns. They’re committed to helping you teach your children well.

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