



Youth Enrichment Services
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Early Childhood Newsletter

Monthly Highlight from Creative Curriculum

Art Center

Art is an important part of our curriculum. Every day, children find a variety of art materials available on our shelves. Drawing, painting, pasting, molding and constructing are not only enjoyable but also provide important opportunities for learning. Children express original ideas and feelings, improve their coordination, learn to recognize colors and textures, and develop creativity and pride in their accomplishments by exploring and using art materials.

When children are engaged in art activities, we talk with them about what they are doing and ask questions that encourage them to think about their ideas and express feelings.

We are just as interested in the creative process as we are in what children make. We say things that will encourage children to be creative and confi-

dent, such as:

- *Tell me about your picture instead of Is that a house you made?*
- *It looks like the playdough is sticking to your fingers. What could we do to make it less sticky?*

What You Can Do at Home

Art is a very easy way to bring your child's school life into your home. Children love to bring home their art products to share with the most important people in their lives. Take time to talk with your child. Here are some things you might say:

- *Tell me about your picture.*
- *How did you decide which colors to use?*
- *What do you like best about it?*
- *Should we hang it up in a*

special place so we can all enjoy your work?

You can help your child appreciate art right in your home. When you look at books together, talk about the illustrations with your child. Discuss the art on the walls in your home.

Art is something your child can do at home in almost any room. You might designate a drawer in the kitchen or living room as an art drawer, or use a bookshelf or sturdy cardboard box. In this space include crayons, marking pens, paper, a pair of child-sized, blunt-edged scissors, glue, and a separate box for collage materials. A child's mind is much more creative and artistic than any coloring book allows.

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Jan & Michael

Berenstain



Tomie dePaola



The Helpers in our Community

September 6-17

Color: Purple

Shape: Heart

Number: 3,

Letters: C and H



Dinosaurs in my Backyard

September 20-
Oct 1

Color: Brown

Shape: Square

Number: 4

Letters D and R

YOUTH ENRICHMENT SERVICES FALL FESTIVAL

Part of Volunteer Sioux Falls.

SEPTEMBER 25TH FROM 2-5 @ THE EAST SIDE LOCATION

GAMES

INFLATABLES

CONCESSIONS

FUN!

Bring your family out for a day of fun at the Fall Festival provided by Youth Enrichment Services and RSVP

*If you are willing to volunteer, please see a Youth Enrichment Services employee for more details and to get signed up



Character Counts



Here is an activity you can do at home to help teach "Citizenship"

How Can I Be A Good Citizen? Citizenship Day is September 17

- Citizenship is having good manners and using kind words.
- Citizenship is obeying rules and respecting authority.
- Citizenship is accepting responsibility for your actions.
- Citizenship is what you do to make your home, school, neighborhood, and community better places.

On September 17, reward your child for being a "Good Citizen". When your children say "please" and "thank-you", share with a friend, or take turns in a mannerly way, give your child a high five and tell them how proud you are of them that they are being a "good citizen".

Voting on important issues is another way to show good citizenship. As a family activity vote on what restaurant you will go to, which board game you will play, or what book you will read at bedtime. Showing children that taking the time to vote is showing that you care about your community, which is an important part of being a good citizen.

September Bookmobile Schedule

River Crossing: 9:00—10:00

August 31st

14th Street: 10:15—10:45

September 14th

Eastside Learning Center: 10:15—10:45

September 17th



Remember to send your child's library card. If your child does not have a library card, ask your child's teacher for information. You can fill all the necessary information out at your center to get a library card for your child. What a great opportunity for your child to get new books to bring home to share and read.