



Resource Center Chatter

The Importance of Art

Art is important for children especially during their early development. Research shows that art activities develop brain capacity in early childhood; in other words, art is good brain food! Art engages children's senses in open-ended play and develops cognitive, social-emotional and multi-sensory skills.

Much has been written about how art enhances creativity, imagination, and self-esteem, but far less is said about how art encourages cognition, critical thinking, and learning.

Child development is a sequential process: Children progress from simple to complex abilities. Art activities provide children with sensory learning experiences they can master at their own rate.

Art materials and techniques

range from the simplest to the most complex. Young preschoolers can explore dozens of non-toxic art materials directly with their hands or with a myriad of painting and clay tools. Older children can select art materials that offer greater complexity and challenge. Art manufacturers provide an exciting range of tools with which children can work. Tree branches, shells, sponges, found objects, or simple kitchen tools can easily become art accessories as well. Each art material and accessory provides different skill development and has the potential for new discoveries. A creative classroom is one that provides a wide range of art materials and tools for exploration and learning. 

**Knollwood Community
Pre-School
Resource Center
Newsletter**

October 2008

Special Happenings:

- ☺ Community Workers visit Knollwood:
 - F.F. County School Bus
 - Beltway Moving Van
 - Tow Truck
 - F.F. County Librarian

Items Needed for Next Month:

Thank you for all the items you have been brought in. Next month we will explore more about Fall with our Harvest Market. Still needed:

- Indian/dried corn
- gourds or harvest vegetables

Exploring our Environment in October

During the month of October we will be traveling by air and sea to visit 3 distinct different climates of our environment.

The Beach, The Snowy Mountains and the Desert. Each week we will be packing our bags to travel to each of these different

environments. While at the beach we will play in the sand, make sand art pictures and explore what is "hot". We will then experience the exact opposite by going to a very cold place. We will pack our suitcases for a cold environment w/ mittens, hats and boots.

We will be creating ice sculptures, snow painting and making snow balls in the art center.

Our final destination will be the desert. We will try cactus prickly painting. We may even hop on a camel to travel. We will spend a week w/ pumpkins too!



Watch for our 2nd. Annual Potato Fest to be held in November. More info to come with a list of supplies needed. Our first one was quite successful and you won't want to miss it!!!