

CREATIVE THINKING & EXPRESSION



Encouraging children to try out new things and ideas is a crucial factor in their intellectual, physical and emotional growth. Creativity is a way of thinking and expressing oneself. It is about discovering and inventing new things, which motivates us to be imaginative and inventive.



GET CREATIVE

Encourage your child to paint with different objects from nature such as sticks, leaves, rocks, fruits, or vegetables. Display your works of art for all to see! *9.1 VPK.B Visual Arts*



MAKE MUSIC

Make a drum out of a plastic container and a wooden spoon, or put rice into a well-sealed plastic bottle to make a shaker. Put on some music and bang or shake fast or slow to match the music. *9.1 M PK.E Music*



PLAY DRESS UP

Play dress up with your child. Use costumes and old clothes. Can you act out their favorite story with props you find around the house? *9.1.D PK.B Dramatic and Performance Play*



BUILDING

Provide materials such as a cardboard box and leave it up to your child to decide what it will become. Is it a house, a spaceship, maybe even a cave? Allow your child's imagination to run wild. *9.1.V PK.E Visual Arts*

PENNSYLVANIA LEARNING STANDARDS FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD: PRE-KINDERGARTEN

The Department of Education and the Office of Child Development and Early Learning use a Standards Aligned System. The Pennsylvania Learning Standards for Early Childhood are designed to support learning. The key areas explored in these activities are Creative Thinking and Expression.

9.1.V PRODUCTION AND PERFORMANCE—Visual Arts

Big Idea: Visual arts allow expression of interest, abilities and knowledge.

9.1.V PK.B Combine a variety of materials to create a work of art.

9.1.V PK.E Use imagination and creativity to express self through visual arts.

9.1 M PRODUCTION AND PERFORMANCE—Music and Movement

Big Idea: Music can be used to express and initiate aesthetic and physical responses.

- 9.1 M PK.E Use imagination and creativity to express self through music and dance.

9.1 D PRODUCTION AND PERFORMANCE—Dramatic and Performance Play

Big Idea: Dramatic and performance play is a way to act out reality and fantasy.

- 9.1 D PK.B Recreate a dramatic play experience for an audience.