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CURRICULUM-CHRONICLE-Pre-K

February



Dear Families,

Think of all the things that you can do! From the song “Small Packages” captures the essence of this theme. For centuries, people have told stories and expressed themselves through art, dance, dramatic play, and music. Now it is your children’s turn to share feelings and ideas through the arts and to appreciate the works of others.

The arts start with imagination, and you know that preschoolers have very active ones. So the Big Idea for this theme, “I can imagine all kinds of things,” inspires children to create. And while children explore creativity through the arts, they also develop knowledge, vocabulary, and multicultural awareness.

The social-emotional focus on initiative encourages children to feel confident about making and doing art. Some children may start to show a preference for one of the arts when given options for creative expression.

The arts are an excellent means of communication as well as creation. Families will enjoy the efforts of their budding actors, artists, dancers, and music makers and should be encouraged to do art with their children as well as to enjoy their performances. I have three languages for self-expression— English, Spanish, and Music. I encourage you to get into the act and dance, paint, and sing along.

Knowledge Focus: Children learn how imagination and creativity shape our world.

Using My Imagination - Week 1

Big Idea: I can imagine all kinds of things.

Concepts: Make-believe and fantasy, creative expression, visualization

Theme Vocabulary: imagination, pretend, visualize, imagine, create

Tools We Use - Week 2

Big Idea: I can use tools to create and build.

Concepts: Classrooms tools and materials, science and technology tools, tools and workers

Theme Vocabulary: build, tools, structure, bridge, ramp

Things We Build -Week 3

Big Idea: I can use different materials to make new things.

Concepts: Buildings, structure, bridges, ramps, construction, building, materials, collaboration and teamwork, characteristics, of materials.

Theme Vocabulary: materials, construct, invention, plan

Art All Around Us – Week 4

Big Idea: I enjoy art that other people create.

Concepts: Forms of art, art and feelings, the performing arts, a museum, multicultural art

Theme Vocabulary: art, music, appreciate, artwork, design, sculpture, artist, dance