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CURRICULUM CHRONICLE – Pre-K

January

Dear Families,

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, pretends, visualize, imagine, create

Tools We Use- Week 2

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

Concepts: Classroom 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, structures, 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