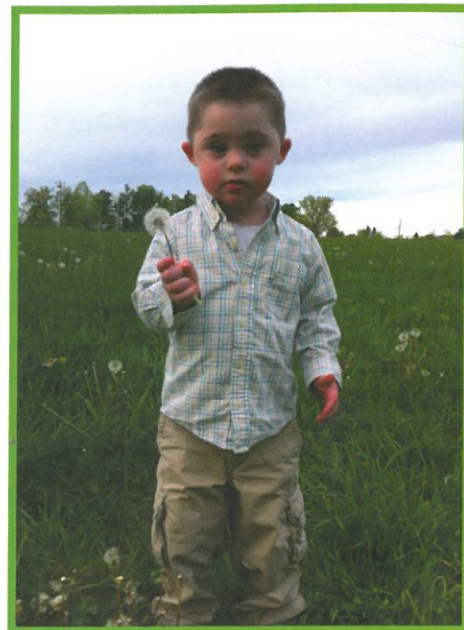


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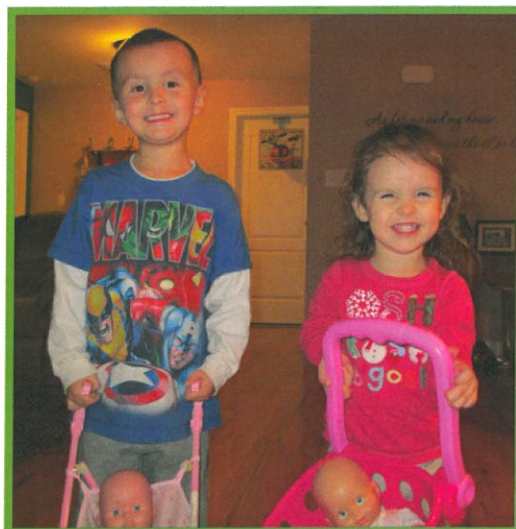
Participates and shows interest in a variety of visual arts, dance, music and drama experiences.

Your child's experiences with visual arts, music, dance and drama will enhance their problem solving skills, encourage relationships with others, and extend their attention span with activities they enjoy.



What does it mean?

- Opportunity to engage in many types of creative art processes.
- Developing skills in creating various types of art, dance, music, and drama (theater, dramatic play, puppets).
- Opportunities to participate in the creative art process through many activities that involve art (painting, drawing), music, dance, and drama.



What are some things you can do with your child?

- Provide many different types of art opportunities for your child, including painting, play-doh, and drawing. Provide your child with a variety of art materials (markers, paint, glue, blank paper, etc.) and space to engage in "messy art."
- Comment on and display your child's art. Be sure to let your child know how special these creations are.
- Expose your child to art created by others – take your child to museums and talk about the pictures, look at picture art books together and talk about them.
- Offer your child experiences with a wide variety of music, including jazz, country and classical.
- Sing along and dance with your child. Encourage your child to describe the music.
- Sings songs with movements together, such as "I'm a Little Teacup" or "Itsy-Bitsy Spider."
- Attend different types of dance performances with your child and talk about these experiences.
- Provide opportunities for your child to play with musical instruments.
- Provide props for your child's pretend play such as dress up clothes or a play kitchen set.
- Pretend with your child and play different roles with them.
- Encourage your child to put on plays, puppet shows, and other types of performances for you and your family.
- Use different voice inflections as you read with your child. Help them act out the characters after a story is finished.



Approaches to Learning: Initiative & Curiosity

Encourage your child to explore different ways to make a collage (a collage is art work made of various materials) using paper scraps, ribbon, yarn, glue, tape, and any other items you find lying around. This allows your child to take initiative in their planning and follow through with their artistic idea.