

THERE IS CREATIVITY IN ALL OF US

The visual language of art is for all people Art is another means of communication and a means for people to use their powers of imagination and creativity.

In today's world there is not much time given to various forms of artistic expression. Through art experiences in the outdoors people become visually literate and closer to the world around them and enjoy an enriched lifestyle. The outdoors offers a huge range of subject matter for art expression with the quantity to of real objects to stimulate inspiration.

Early stimulation of the child's senses which are so closely linked to emotions is essential for the liberation of creative skills. There are no limitations to art and as teachers and parents we need to take responsibility in providing children the opportunities to increase their understanding of the natural and man-made worlds in order to awaken their imaginations and to cultivate aesthetic feelings. As adults we need to recognise and nurture creativity in children.

Art may be a gifted talent in some people and others develop and enhance this talent through experiences and allow it to mature. We all have the natural ability to become creative – it may be latent and just needs a little awakening.

A desire for skills to draw realistically may be a discouragement but if one focuses on the tools of colour, texture, line, shape, motion and form one can still communicate ideas. These new skills will provide a new enjoyment of the world around you. You will find a renewed appreciation for the spiral tendril of a vine, patterns in the wings of a moth, the intricacies of a spider's web, cloud formations, curves of a caterpillar or the veins of a leaf.

Regardless of age creative people have certain characteristics and some of these may be: alertness to the world around them; they like to experiment and use different approaches; they are flexible to exploring new ideas; they are independent and can work alone; they do not see limits and dream about new possibilities; they do not mind change and are excited about being in the frontier of life.

Art may be expressed in many forms from printing, drawing, painting, building, modelling, making mobiles, flower arranging, graffiti, collage, baking, murals, cooking, weaving – the expressions are endless.

Wonder about the things you see and find answers to your questions. Remain curious and be alive and share these with your children.

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