

Think Children Don't Need ART In the 21st Century?

THINK AGAIN!

An Arts Education Teaches Children To...

Collaborate & Cooperate

- Work together
 - Understand Their Actions Affect Others
 - Realize Even Small Contributions Have Value
- Compromise for Common Goal
- Take Responsibility for Mistakes.
- Realize Mistakes Happen
- Share responsibility
 - Realize Their Contribution Is Important to the Success of the Group

Communicate

- Receive Constructive Feedback
- Develop Language By Talking About Art & Describing Creations
- Improve Skills Through Evaluation
- Develop Visual Communication Skills
- Communicate Different Emotions
- Realize Feedback is a Part of Learning
- Breakdown the Mechanics of Body Language
- Portray a Character Effectively
- Interpret Visual Information
- Experience Different Ways of Moving

Be Creative

- Think on Their Feet
- Approach Tasks From Different Perspectives
- Take Creative Risks
- Develop a Sense of Innovation
- Practice Creative Thinking Until It Becomes Natural
- Be Original!
- Interweave Ideas Into New Possibilities

Organize

- Concentrate & Focus
- Keep a Balance Between Listening & Contributing
- Develop Motor Skills
- Think About Their Role & How It Contributes To the Big Picture of What is Being Created

**"We live in an age when the most valuable asset any economy can have is the ability to be creative—to spark and imagine new ideas, be they Broadway tunes, great books, iPads or new cancer drugs."
—Thomas Friedman, New York Times, August 4, 2010**

Problem-Solve

- To Keep an Open Mind
 - Explore Further Info
 - Entertain Different Possibilities
- Move Forward to New Insight & Understanding
- Hone Decision-Making Skills
- Develop Skills in Reasoning & Understanding
 - Be Attentive to Details, of Perceptions & Ideas

Self-Direct

- Persevere!
- Practice Follow-Through
- Improve Academic Performance
- Develop Healthy Work Habits

Be Socially Responsible

- Act Responsibly With The Interests of the Larger Community In Mind
- Know & Appreciate Diverse Societies
- Interpret & Evaluate Others' Perceptions of Reality
- Understand Choices Artists & Designers Make

Be Fluent With Technology

- Develop Information & Media Literacy Skills
- Utilize Today's Digital & Social Media As An Appropriate Vehicle For Their Message (Computers, iPads, Video, Digital Cameras, and more!)
- Create Information in a Variety of Forms & Media

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