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## Why We Do Art in Early Childhood

- Art is hands-on, concrete, and sensory-based which is necessary for young children's development
- Art allows for expression before they can express themselves in other ways
- Art provides opportunities for learning in many developmental areas
- Art offers new perspectives
- Art is a reflection of a child's culture



### The process of Doing art is more important to learning than the **Final Product**

Process-focused art is:

- There are no step-by-step directions
- There is no pattern to follow
- There is no right or wrong way to create
- The art is focused on the experience and exploration of tools, techniques, and materials
- The art is entirely the child's own
- The art is by child's choice

# **Important Dates**



May 10- Coffee Hour

May 29-Memorial Day/ CCMCDC Closed

June 2- Pastries with Parents (all school)

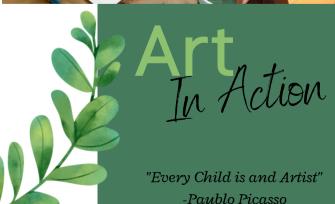
June 9- Professional Development Day/

**CCMCDC** Closed for students

June 14- Coffee Hour

June 19- Juneteenth / CCMCDC Closed

June 29- International Mud Day



"You can't use up creativity. The more you use, the more you have." -Maya Angelou



#### Why not Coloring Sheets?

- They do not allow for creativity, imagination or discovery.
- They create frustration for those developing fine motor skills.
- Children receive a message of "We don't think you can draw as well on your own."



Resources

Have you ever wondered about how your child is doing developmentally? Have you ever been curious about what kinds of food, clothing, or shoes are appropriate for your child at a certain age? Do you think about what information you need before making a transition? CCMCDC is here to help! Teachers and directors can help you find current and reliable information based on research and experienced professionals. If you have questions about your child, send us an email, a Brightwheel message, or stop in the office. We will do our best to find what your family needs!





# Playground Success!

Playground Clean-up Day on April 22 was a huge success! We had at least 21 teachers and family members present to work on both play spaces. We created features on both playgrounds. If you haven't seen it, please take a look! We are so grateful for everyone's hard work!

#### Taking Care of Teachers

Many, many thanks from all of the teachers, directors, and Ms. Judy! Teacher Appreciation Week was above and beyond our expectations. We appreciate all the wonderfully kind words, time, and money put into making us all feel loved throughout the week