



CAMBRIDGE PRIMARY SCHOOL

THE ARTS - VISUAL ARTS

Purpose

- To provide children with skills that can be applied to leisure time activities.
- To allow children to experience working with different materials and communicate in different mediums.
- To develop an outlet for children to express creativity and individualism.
- To expose all children to experiences which will enhance their appreciation of art.
- To develop children's personal esteem, satisfaction and enjoyment through the effective and successful artistic expression and response.
- To allow children to develop a knowledge of the elements of art.
- To develop responsibility in the use of materials and equipment.

Guidelines

- Classroom programs will be in line with the VELS document
- The students will participate in a broad range of experiences through the use of different mediums and exposure to the elements of art.
- Art appreciation shall be fostered through exposure to the many and varied art forms.
- The art program will occur both in the classroom environment and as a specialist program.

Implementation

- Children will work individually or in groups.
- The Art teacher will provide a stimulating, non-threatening environment relative to the students' needs and interest.
- Instruction will be non-discriminatory and cater for the individual.
- Displays will be changed and maintained regularly so as to develop and appreciation of art works.
- The Art teacher should be available as a resource person to fellow staff
- Student assessment may include
 - anecdotal records of children's skill and knowledge acquisition
 - teacher observation of student participation and attitude
 - student teacher and parent feedback on the visual arts program
 - display of children's art work
 - observation of staff and children's use of the art room and resources.

Evaluation

- Annual Minor Evaluation

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