

Twenty reasons art is **good** for kids

- 1) Art stimulates both sides of the brain.
- 2) 33% of children are visual learners.
- 3) Studies show that children who do art read better and do better in math and science.
- 4) Children need to learn through their senses and art is an excellent way of doing this.
- 5) Children must have a place in school to express themselves.
- 6) Art enhances self-esteem.
- 7) Art develops awareness of the physical environment.
- 8) Art develops hand-eye coordination.
- 9) Art enhances perceptual development.
- 10) Art teaches open-ended thinking. It presents a culture of questions rather than a culture of answers.
- 11) Art teaches children that there can be more than one solution to the same problem.
- 12) Art teaches children how to engage in creative problem solving.
- 13) Children can share and reflect on their art to learn about themselves, each other, and the world in which they live.
- 14) When art is integrated with other curriculum areas children become more engaged in the learning process.
- 15) In the process of art making a child is presented with possibility, discovery, and freedom thereby disrupting the control and predictability of conventional education found in the U.S. today.
- 16) Art nurtures the human soul! (It feels good to do it!)
- 17) Art brings the community's cultural resources into the classroom.
- 18) Art involves parents and guardians in school governance and volunteer activities.
- 19) Art provides a means, a common ground, to reach across racial stereotypes, barriers, and prejudices.
- 20) Art is valuable for its own sake!