Older Toddlers

Visual Art	**Children create art using a variety of tools and art media to express their ideas, feelings, creativity; and develop appreciation of the art created by others.** 1 Create 2D and 3D art by experimenting with a variety of art materials (e.g., paint, clay) 2 Create representations of real objects in child-initiated art work (e.g., labels scribbles and shapes “mom”) 3 Demonstrate preference for favorite colors 4 Use shape of marks or object created to label ideas or movement 5 Communicate preference of one piece of art over another
Music	**Children engage in making and listening to music as a vehicle for expression and learning.** 1 Explore and use rhythm instruments to make music 2 Use objects or instruments to experiment with rhythms 3 Sing and clap during individual or group activities 4 Demonstrate enjoyment in making music through participation and repetition 5 Make up simple and often nonsense songs
Theatre (Dramatic Play)	**Children engage in dramatic play and theatre as a way to represent real-life experiences, communicate their ideas and feelings, learn, and use their imaginations.** 1 Participate in pretend play with other children 2 Recreate familiar everyday scenes and routines using props and costumes 3 Pretend to be a person or an animal through movement, language, and/or sounds 4 Use random objects to 5 represent other objects 6 during play (e.g., block becomes a cell phone) 7 Link together a sequence of pretend play behaviors (e.g., put on hat, grab bag to go shopping) - Use pretend play to depict real- life experiences
Dance	**Children use movement to creatively express their ideas and feelings and to learn.**

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1. Make up simple dances or patterns of movement
2. Express excitement during movement and dance
3. Respond to music with increasingly coordinated movements (e.g., moves to the tempo of the music)
4. Follows simple movements to songs