Vermont Early Learning: Creative Arts and Expression

Younger Preschoolers

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 art that expresses individual creativity by using various materials and techniques 2 Build 3D shapes with clay and other materials 3 Explore the properties of art materials and use them purposefully to create an idea or object 4 Discuss own artistic creations
Music	**Children engage in making and listening to music as a vehicle for expression and learning.** 1 Use simple musical instruments to produce rhythms and tones 2 Repeat a short melody 3 Show awareness of different musical tempos, beats and rhythms by clapping or playing simple instruments 4 Identify different musical instruments 5 Participate willingly in music activities 6 Describe musical experiences they have participated in or observed
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 Use creativity and imagination to manipulate materials and assume roles in dramatic play situations 2 Identify real and make believe situations through dramatic play 3 Create own dramatic play 4 scenarios 5 Create various facial expressions and voice inflections when in character 6 Demonstrate an awareness of audience (e.g., ask others to watch performance)
Da	**ildren use movement to creatively express their ideas and feelings and to learn.** Show awareness of various patterns of beat, rhythm and movement through dance

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2 Participate in open-ended, creative movement activities

3 Indicate preferences for certain dances and songs with movement (e.g., Head, Shoulders, Knees & Toes)

4 Use creative movement to express feelings