

PreSchool Third Trimester Curriculum Review 2026



Dear Parents,

It has been an honor to teach your PreSchooler a whole year of Art this year! We have made many discoveries, tried out countless new media, genres and ideas, connected to classroom learning and interests and had a lot of fun! Children connected their keen observational skills to draw from a collection of signs of spring we brainstormed and collected from around the art room after reading Kevin Henkes *Signs of Spring*. Children explored chalk and oil pastel to create drawings of birds, butterflies, bunnies and flowers.

Children also explored the new thinking required to develop stained glass windows of their own! We shared artists' love and depictions of gardens and flowers to develop black line drawings of favorite plants and flowers. Next we viewed a survey of illustrative stained glass windows by different glass artists through time. Children used a much safer version of this medium to trace their drawings using sharpies and coloring beautiful jewel tone colors of their choice! Enjoy hanging them in your window at home!

Finally they tested out their pre-reading experience to write the first letter of their name, finishing it with torn patterned papers to make a collage worthy of their bedroom wall! Children have worked hard to build their fine motor skills all year long and these final works are a fine example :)

These lessons lay the foundation for scaffolded variations in Kindergarten and beyond. All of these beginning concepts will expand through our standards-based Art curriculum over the next three years! Developing Integrated Arts routines and learning experiences with Preschool has a lasting impact on their time at Centre and adds so much to their overall experience. Thank you for sharing your children! I look forward to working with them with their new classmates in the coming years.

Happy Summer!!
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National Visual Arts Standards T3

Pre K VA:Cr2.1.PKa: Use a variety of artmaking tools

Pre K VA:Cr2.2.PKa: Share materials with others.

Pre K VA:Pr5.1.Pka: Identify places where art may be displayed or saved.