

Each of us is an artist,
capable of conceiving



and creating a vision from
the depths of our being.

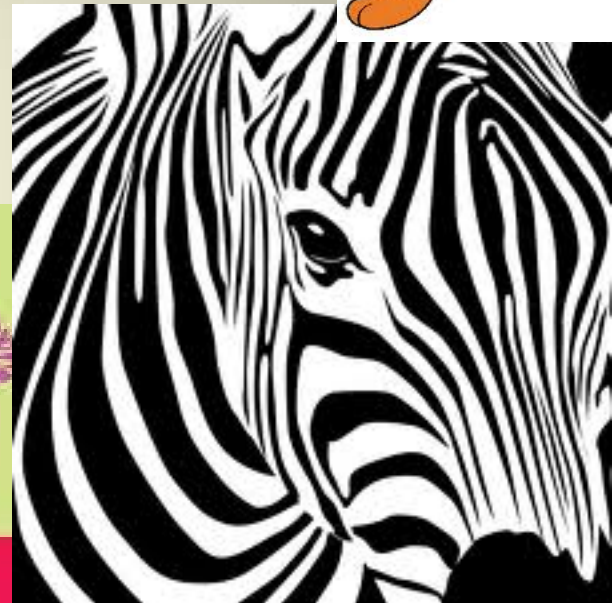
~ Dorothy Fadiman ~

What is art?

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Does art need to have intention?



Does art need to be human made?



Does art need to be a certain size?



What does “children’s art” make you think of?



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Write down 3 of your favorite art activities for children under 5 years old

Today, you will...

- Learn about stages of children's art and how it relates to development
- Learn what the Foundations say about children and visual arts
- Learn different strategies to help a center incorporate art into every day.

A Child's Job = Play!



Development of Scribbles

- Infants
- Toddlers
- 3 year olds
- 3-4 year olds
- 5 year olds



Infants

- Art at this age is more about:

Sensory experiences

- Scribbling with fat crayon or touching finger paint
- Looking at high contrast pictures & human face
- Don't forget tasting!





Toddlers

- Nonrepresentational art
- Explores media through all the senses
- Makes random marks on paper
- Begins scribbling



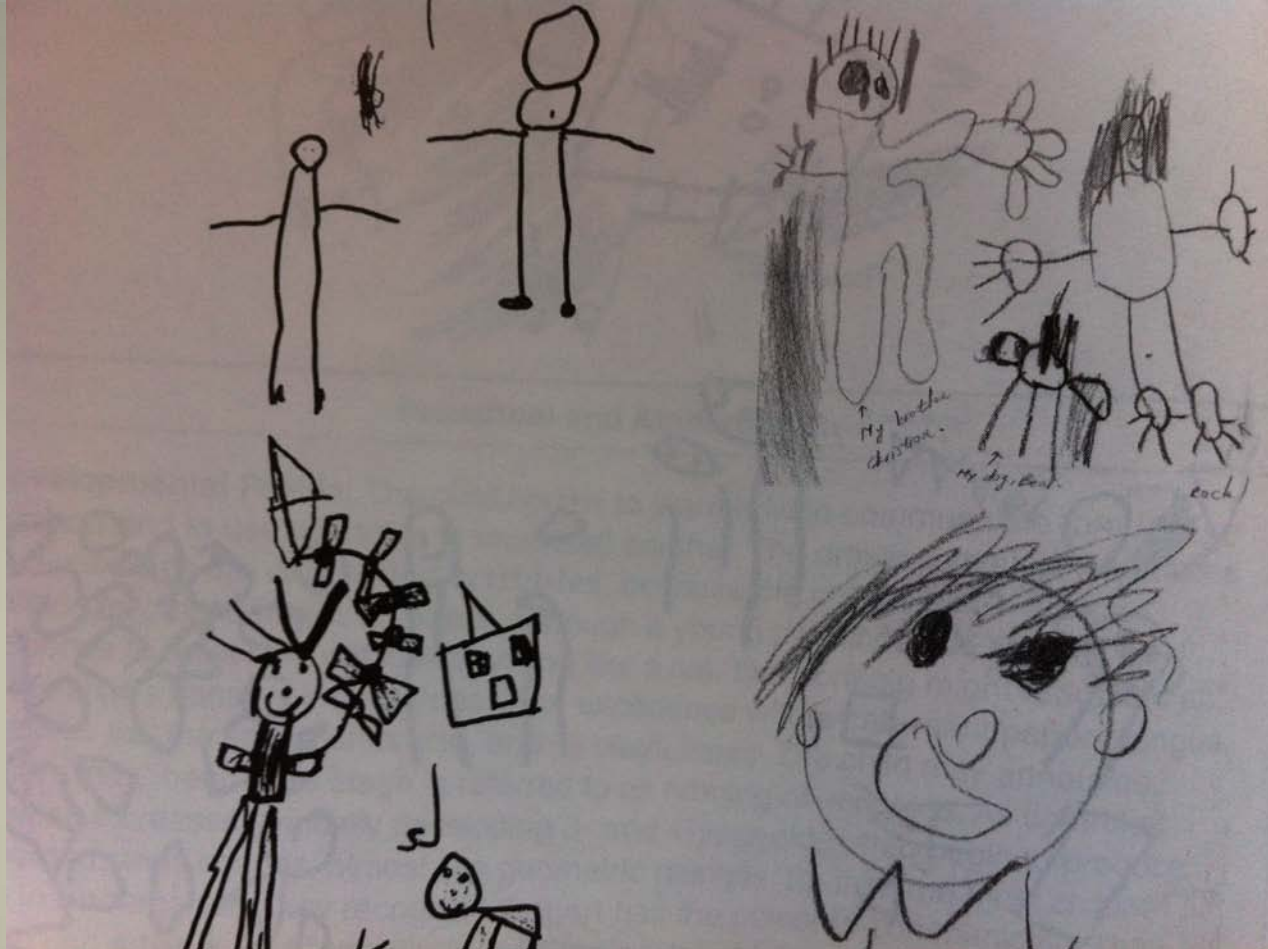
3 year olds

- Explores & Manipulates materials
- Makes scribbles on top of another
- Scribbles more controlled
- Process important to child, not product



3-4 year
olds

- Scribbling stage continues
- Perceives shapes in work
- Attempts to make shapes
- Often names scribbles



- # 5 year olds
- Emerging Representation
 - Combines 2 shapes
 - Represents humans with circle & legs
 - Figures float on page
 - Art used to represent feelings and ideas
 - Represents impression rather than actual product

Art helps with the development of

- Literacy & language skills
- Math & science skills
- Cognitive functions like:
 - representation
 - focus
 - Concentration
 - processing events in life



Let's Look at Handout:

Foundations in the Visual and **Performing Arts**

1. Arts about process not product
2. Daily experience
3. Scaffolding
4. Age-related, not age-dependent

Let's Look at Handout: Children's Developmental Benchmarks and Stages

1. Young babies
2. Crawlers and walkers
3. Toddlers
4. Preschoolers ..
5. Let's see what the Foundations have to say about preschoolers

California Preschool Learning Foundations Vol. 2

Foundations in the Visual and Performing Arts (4-5 yr olds)

1. Notice, Respond and Engage
2. Develop skills in Visual Art
3. Create, Invent, and Express Through Visual Art

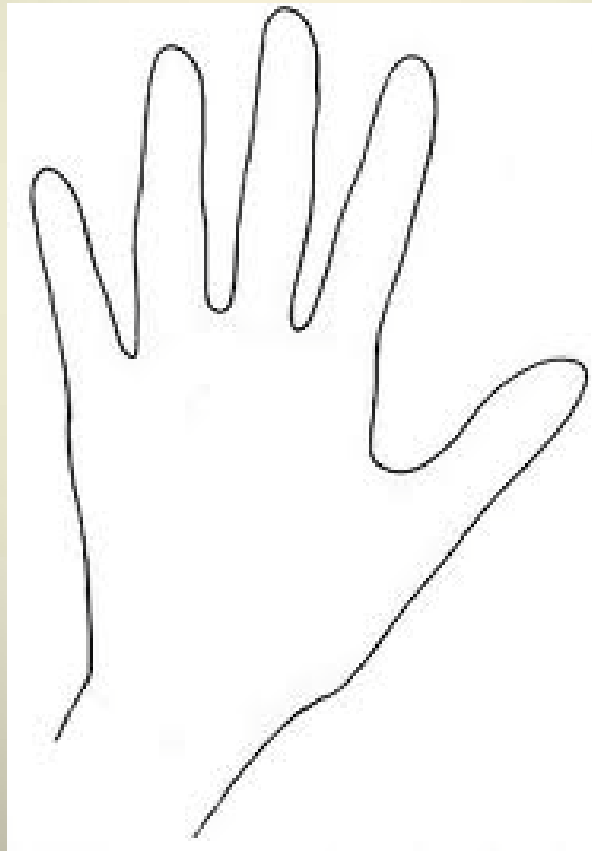
The shift to how **school aged** children learn through art

- Observe carefully and record observations
- Organize ideas and express their feelings
- Work with purpose and maintain a focus
- Solve unstructured problems through trial and error
- Respect themselves and their achievements
- Communicate feelings and ideas with others
- Express their own points of view while respecting others' points of view
- Appreciate the contributions of different cultural groups
- Create changes in their environments using a wide range of media
- Make aesthetic discoveries and render evaluative judgments



The Handprint

- Let's do an activity....



What does “children’s art” make you think of?

Let’s look back at the 3 favorite art activities for children under 5 years old that you wrote down

Some Ideas- How can we make these art activities & age appropriate?

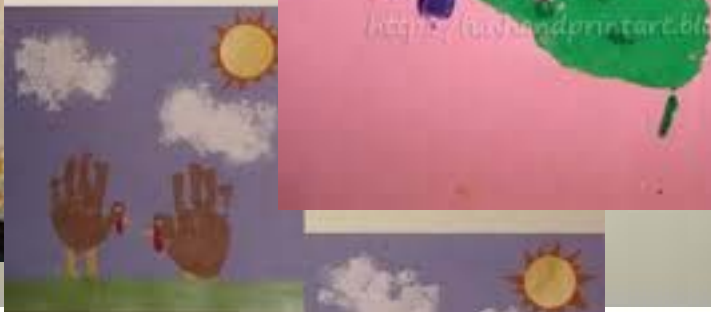
- Finger paint/paint and brush
- Stickers
- Water
- Flubber/playdough, etc
- Drawing in sand/dirt with stick
- Crayons & paper
- Scissors, glue
- collages
- Large Paintbrushes
- Play dough/clay
- Crayon rubbings
- Painting with objects (marbles, toy cars, etc)
- Stamps with paint
- Chalk
- Bubbles

More ideas?

Let's look at product based ideas next....

Ideas for product-based projects

Use Handprints



Ideas for product-based projects

Use precut shapes



Ideas for product-based projects

Add the child's picture



Let's go through the resources

- Handouts
- Curriculum: Art, Music, Movement, Drama
(provided book)
- www.childcareexchange.com
- www.naeyc.org



Is this still what you think of when you hear “children’s art”?



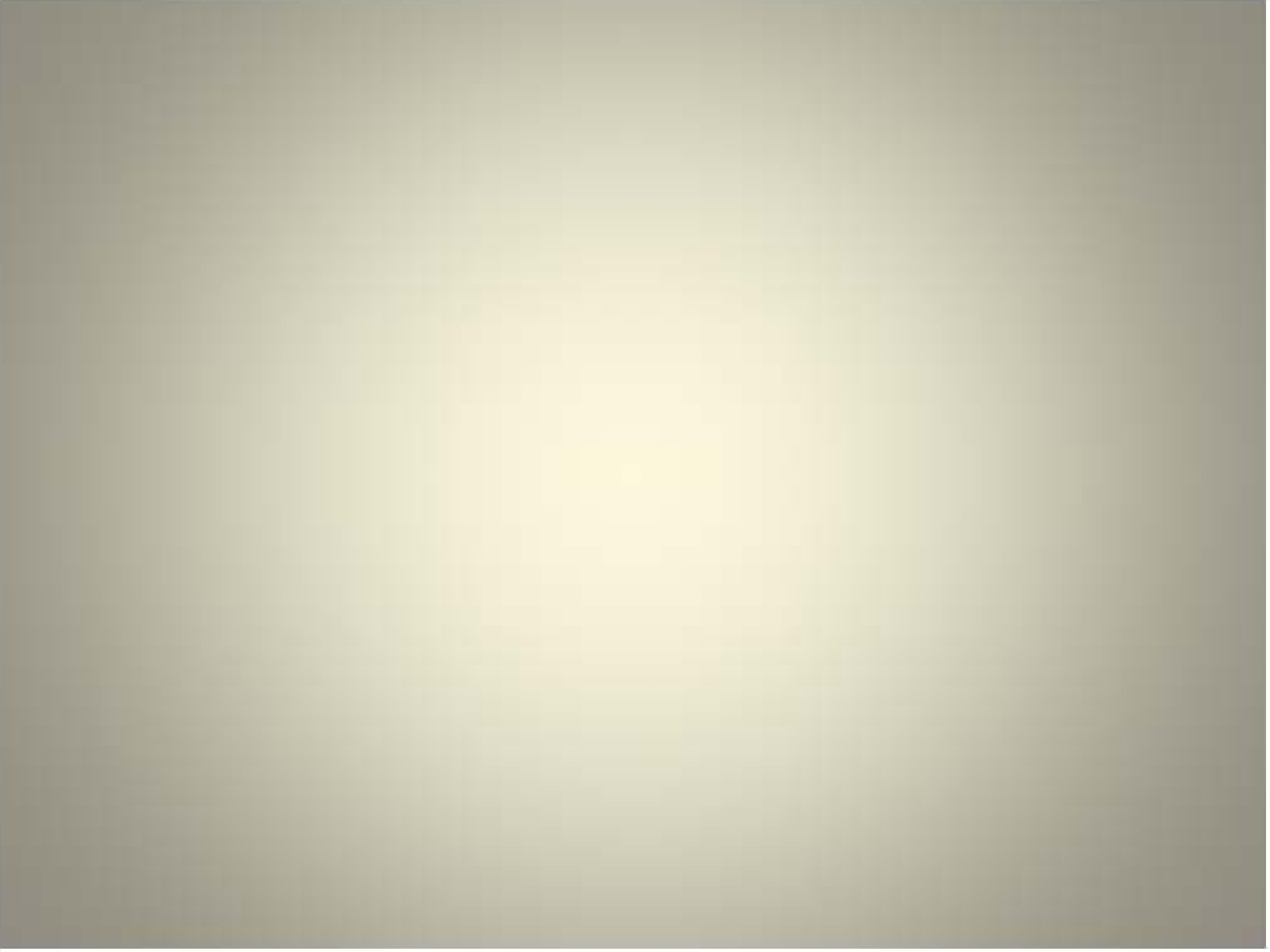
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Or is this your new
idea of
“children’s art”?



Questions?



Why is Art so important?

The Arts Helps:

- With literacy & language skills
- With math & science skills
- Cognitive functions like representation, focus, concentration
- Children process events in life