

Philosophy of Arts Education

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Creativity has always been a big focus in the Early childhood classroom (Chappell et al. 2016). The United states has made dance, music, visual arts, and theater as being an important part of a child's education (Woodruff 2013). They also have made it part of state and national standards for education. Students have shown improvements in social and academical areas that have an established arts program. In my classroom, I want to give my students the opportunity to learn through the arts. This class has allowed me to see the many ways I can integrate the arts in fun and meaningful lessons. By using the arts, I can create a memorable activity where the students are the creators. The use of worksheets and templates are not as beneficial for the producing creativity in the classroom and for creating positive social interactions amongst students (Boyd 2015). The students should have an input on how they integrate the arts. For example, allow them to write their own plays and draw using their imagination. Students should not always have to use coloring pages and scripted plays.

I believe it is very beneficial for future teacher to take a class on how to integrate the art into the classroom. It has helped me gain confidence on using the arts in all subjects. I know how to use drawings in mathematics by allowing students to build their own dream houses by using geometric shapes. In literature, students can create their own skits from the perspectives of other characters. Students can draw models to help them understand the cycles in learned in Science. In a study done, found evidence supporting the integration of arts in the classroom (Benić 2016). This helped improve the learning outcomes that was trying to be achieved. Another study done had shown that exposure to professional art helps influence children in their creativity (Benić 2016).

I hope to use museums as a resource when teaching in the classroom. Google has provided an app and website that allows people to have access of many museums that usually

students do not have the opportunity to visit. I would like to use the Google culture and arts app in the classroom, so students can use it as a research engine for their projects. The app has many different features that allow people who access it to see art and artifacts from all time periods. I think it would be helpful to go to actual museums and see the artifacts and art in person, so the students can reflect on what they have learned in that topic.

I want to create an environment in the classroom where the students can be creative and not be judged. The students will be able to express themselves through the arts. The work I remember the most from school are the projects I created using the arts. I can use music, theater, visual arts, and dance to help my students develop a better understanding in what I am teaching. Every form of the arts my students accomplish will have a purpose and be strategically planned to benefit my students in their education. I will create an experience for my students that will make it easier for them to remember the information needed to meet the standards by integrating the arts into my classroom.

Overall, integrating the arts into the classroom builds a background for the lesson or a deeper understanding of a topic. I want my students to view the arts as something positive not as busy work. I know it will develop the student's social skills and allow them to express themselves in an artistic form. I will promote the arts in my classroom and do my best to get everyone involved in the activities.

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