



Fostering Creativity

NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER

Dear staff and parent,

Thank you for taking the time to read our recent November newsletter. In this newsletter, you will learn the importance of developing creativity in early years. Creativity is an essential disposition which impacts on child's cognition throughout life. Therefore, it is important to ensure that you are providing your children with opportunities for developing creative skills.

If you have any further questions on how you can foster creativity in children then feel free to email to me at earlyeducationfdc@gmail.com

Have a great day!
Hina



Diwali 7th November,
2018



Remembrance Day 11th
November, 2018



National Recycling Week
12th – 18th November, 2018



QUOTES

*Children see magic because they look for it -
Christopher Moore*

*Give children toys that are powered by their
imagination, not by batteries - Jackson Brown*

*Creativity is the art of creating nothing into a joyful
something - Vince Gowmon*



*R*ecipe of the month:

Chocolate Dipped Strawberry Roses

Obtained from: <https://www.babble.com/best-recipes/sweet-valentine-chocolate-dipped-strawberry-roses/>

- 10-15 medium sized strawberries, cleaned and thoroughly dried
 - 10-15 bamboo skewers
 - 1 1/2 cups pink candy melts
 - 1/2 cup red candy melts
 - Small block of styrofoam

In a small, deep bowl, microwave the pink candy melts for 30 seconds, then stir. Melt for 30 seconds and stir again. Continue microwaving for 30 seconds and stirring just until the mixture is fully melted. Heating it in small spurts will keep you from overheating the chocolate, creating a mottled appearance in the final product.

Pull the top, green part of the strawberries up and away from the red fruit. This will keep the greens out of your chocolate and will also make the greens look more like rose leaves once the strawberries are dipped. Carefully press the sharp edge of a skewer directly into the centre part of the strawberry green, press the skewer in just far enough to hold the strawberry. Dip the strawberries into the melted pink chocolate. Turn upside-down and press the sticks upright into the styrofoam, store them here until the chocolate is hardened.

In a small bowl, melt the red candy melts in the same way as you melted the pink candies. Once melted, transfer to a zip top bag, snip off a small corner of the bag, and pipe up one side of the strawberry and in a spiral on top. Allow to harden once more. Store in the fridge until ready to serve.

What is creativity?

'Creativity' is a trait/ disposition relating to a person's intuition. Children engage in creativity as they are given opportunities for exploration and discovery. It is to be noted that creativity is not a product but a process that takes place as children develop sensory learning and thinking by engaging with creative experiences. Bruce (2004) and Arnold (2003) found that children's engagement in creative activities enables them to develop skills to think of new ideas, self-express, identify problems and find solutions. A creative activity is an activity that engage a child's imagination and can comprise of art, dance, puppetry and music.

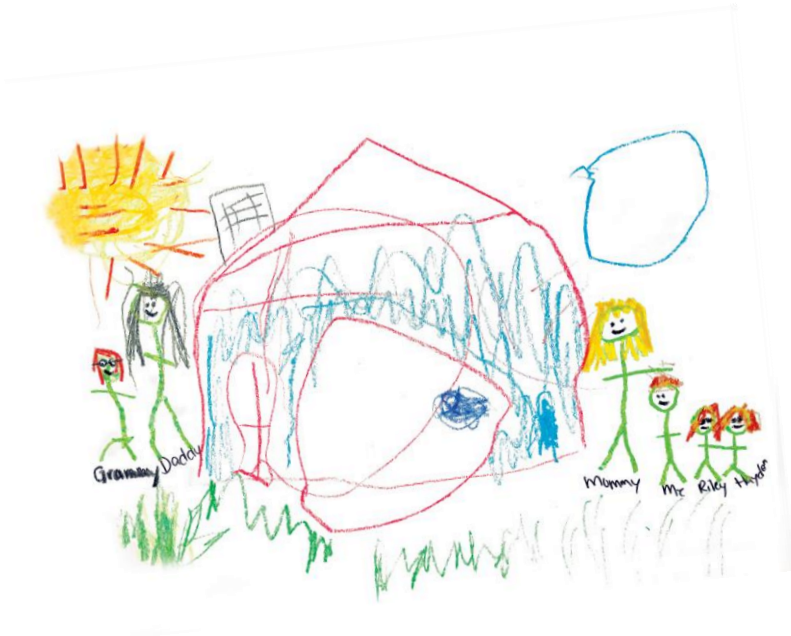


Creativity develops prominently in Early Childhood. In Early Childhood, the National Quality Framework details five learning outcomes in the Early Years Learning Framework that emphasis on 'creativity'. To cultivate creative learner, educators need to be creative thinkers who value originality, innovate and utilize their own imagination.

**CREATIVITY BECOMES
MORE VISIBLE WHEN ADULTS
TRY TO BE MORE ATTENTIVE
TO THE COGNITIVE PROCESSES
OF CHILDREN THAN TO
THE RESULTS THEY ACHIEVE
IN VARIOUS FIELDS
OF DOING & UNDERSTANDING**
Loris Malaguzzi

Best creative activities and experience help children embrace divergent forms of thinking to innovate new ideas:

- ✓ **Emphasis on process**
- ✓ **Open ended, natural and found resources**
- ✓ **Adapt to children's ideas instead of structuring their ideas.**
 - ✓ **Ask creative open-ended questions.**
 - ✓ **Allow children time to explore all possibilities.**
 - ✓ **Spontaneous open ended art explorations**
 - ✓ **Create an art center in class for free exploration.**
 - ✓ **Encourage children to try new ways of doing things**
 - ✓ **Display children's creative work**
- ✓ **Materials that encourages creative expression: paints, blocks, paper, glue, textas, pencils and crayons.. stones, shells, flowers, art prints, fabric and baskets.**
 - ✓ **Integrate various kinds of music into the curriculum.**
- ✓ **Ask "What if?" to encourage investigation, inquiry and artistry to explore new ways of thinking.**



Questions Without Answers

Here are some **samples** of open-ended questions to ask children to inspire their creativity:

- **What could happen if it always rained on Saturdays?**
- **What if cars never wore out?**
- **If you saw a mouse in your backyard chewing your mother's favourite flowers, what would you do?**
- **Why don't we wake up with our hair neat and combed?**
- **What would happen if a cow, a bee, and a clover got together?**
- **What could happen if cats could bark?**
- **What could happen if all the shoes in the world were the same size?**



Youtube links for children 0-5 years - Click 'play sign'







Art & Craft for parents & educators - Click 'play sign'





Thank you for reading!

