



## Family Theme Newsletter Theme: Art Adventures

*Here are the unit concepts we will work to achieve throughout the ART ADVENTURES unit:*

- Enjoy a variety of creative art experiences including painting, drawing, sculpting and printing
- Be exposed to color, shape and line in a variety of art forms
- Learn about some famous artists
- Reinforce that their creations are uniquely their own

*Here are some of the learning objectives we'll be assessing throughout this unit:*

### **Language & Communication Development**

Uses new vocabulary and grammar in everyday communications

Identifies at least 10 printed letters

### **Creativity & the Arts**

Uses a variety of tools and materials for exploration

Shows appreciation for their own creations and the creations of others

### **Fine Motor**

Explores use of various writing tools

### **Personal & Social Development**

Demonstrates ability to complete tasks

Understands others' rights to be safe

*Here are some of the learning objectives we'll be reviewing throughout this unit:*

### **Language & Communication Development**

Follows directions that involve a 2 or 3 step sequence

Initiates and sustains conversations

Participates in shared reading with intonation and expression

### **Math & Logical Thinking**

Sorts objects by their attributes

Can name more than one similarity and/or difference in two different objects

### **Scientific Thinking & Problem Solving**

Identifies characteristics of objects and occurrences

Describes the four different seasons

### **Physical Development**

Uses strength and control to perform fine motor skills

Reproduces some recognizable shapes, letters and numbers

Follows basic safety and health rules

### **Personal & Social Development**

Seeks adult help when needed

Shows interest in problem solving

Resolves conflicts peacefully

*Each day we immerse children in a variety of literature. Here are some of the books that your child may enjoy hearing throughout this unit:*

Dancing with Degas by Julie Merberg and Suzanne Bober

A Picnic with Monet by Julie Merberg and Suzanne Bober

Wake Up Big Barn! by Suzanne Tanner Chitwood

Busy Little Mouse by Eugenie Fernandes, et. al.

Shapes, Shapes, Shapes by Tana Hoban

Katie & the Sunflowers by James Mayhew

Paperwhite by Nancy Elizabeth Wallace

*We're always happy to take recyclable items that come in handy as we work in Creativity & Art, Construction & Design, and other areas of the classroom! Here's a list of the items that we could use for Art Adventures:*

Clean coffee cans with no sharp edges, blank cassette tapes, envelopes in a variety of sizes, shaving cream and clean Styrofoam trays (from the meat & deli counter)

**Thanks in advance for your help!**