



Art Resources | K-5

Suggestions for Art Learning at Home

One of the best ways to continue visual literacy and visual art learning is to look at and talk about visuals (artwork, photographs, cinema, etc) and utilize readily available materials to create. Music, drama, and dance learning can be supported through listening and moving to music and in response to stories.

Art Activities

- Collage – utilize found resources such as magazines and newspapers, scissors and glue to create artwork.
- Drawing – from life or from the imagination
 - Draw objects from different angles/perspectives and from close-up/far away
 - Draw while listening to a story
- Explore and experiment with home art materials – utilize pencils, paint, markers, straws, and the back sides of recycled paper to create.
 - Mix colours, materials, and combine different types of mark making
 - Make washing up part of the experience
- Dance party! Put on a variety of music and move to it! Excellent way to burn off energy and develop kinesthetic literacy.
- Sketch your environment, your home, your street, your yard.
 - What interesting things can you find to draw that you've never noticed before?
 - Consider drawing the landscape and the objects within it.
- Explore the areas around your home with a specific intention (for example, look for things of a specific colour) and draw or record your findings.
- Explore the kitchen for art making
 - From potato stamping to cake decorating, there are opportunities to create and work together in the kitchen.
- Explore the art in your community. From electrical boxes to architecture to murals, there is a lot of 2D and 3D artwork in neighborhoods.
 - Practice drawing the front of a building
- Connect drawing and drama with story by creating a story board or acting out the story.

Shared Visual Literacy Activities

- Visual Thinking Strategy
 - This strategy follows 3 simple prompts: What's going on in this picture? How do you know? What more can we find?
 - Access story books, magazines, art books, photographs, etc.
- Art Analysis
 - Look at artwork and discuss: colour, line, shape, texture, etc.
 - What do you think about a specific art work? Why do you say that?
- Look at family photographs or family heirlooms
 - What is the story behind this image or object?

Online Resources

- What's Going on in this Picture? The New York Times
 - <https://www.nytimes.com/column/learning-whats-going-on-in-this-picture>
- Art Venture, learning from home lessons <https://www.artventure.ca/>
- Art Advice online <https://www.paintspot.ca/advice-library/>
- How to produce a podcast
<https://www.nytimes.com/2018/04/19/learning/lesson-plans/project-audio-teaching-students-how-to-produce-their-own-podcasts.html>
- Lunch Hour Doodles – Kennedy Centre
 - <https://www.kennedy-center.org/education/mo-willems/>
- Online Dance classes <https://danceparent101.com/best-free-online-dance-classes-and-tutorials-for-school-aged-kids/>
- Online Band (variety of resources) <https://teachband101.com/>
- Online Access to Museums
 - <https://mymodernmet.com/free-online-art-resources/>

