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Topic: Art in Elementary Education	Importance of art in child development and education	Ways to integrate art in elementary education	Views on elementary art education		
What I Know	Art allows children to develop fine motor skills and creativity, so it is important to incorporate it into education. It helps students to develop in a variety of beneficial ways.	Some art programs are being cut due to lack of funding and accountability in other subjects. Many different activities may be done that integrate art into the curriculum in elementary education. Art activities relating to almost any subject can be incorporated.	Elementary art education is generally seen as being important, but is not receiving the attention that it should due to accountability requirements in other subject areas. These other areas are overriding in educational importance to teachers.	Art is fun for most people, no matter what type of learners they are. Therefore, learning can be made more fun by integrating art into the curriculum.	What is the most popular/useful form of art to integrate into elementary classrooms?
Source #1: www.leaonline.com	Learning in the arts is related to cognitive capacities, academic achievement and effective social behaviors. Art is an important tool to be used for exploring, experiencing and understanding the world.	Art can be included in the teaching of other subject areas – 27% of teachers do so. Art projects can be used to assess learning of material. Teachers should keep up-to-date with resources that provide information on how	Including arts in the curriculum can energize teachers and transform learning environments. Other instructional demands make arts the first to go. Some classroom teachers fail to see the value of arts in the classroom. Most	The importance of art in education has been an issue since the 1700s. The first state law regarding art education was made in Massachusetts, when drawing was made a required subject in 1870. The arts are	What might a national survey of views on the importance of art in elementary education reveal?

		to integrate art into the classroom.	teachers feel that arts integration improves overall academic achievement. A division is seen between the arts and academics.	eligible when federal funds are provided for programs in the core subject areas.	
Source #2: www.hofstra.edu	Engagement in the arts stimulates cognitive and emotional development in children. There is a positive relationship between learning in the arts and other subjects. Art should be central to the curriculum of all children. It helps children to connect academic learning to personal experience.	Attend workshops to focus on approaches to teaching art and for ideas. Explore underlying principles of art to learn how to integrate it into the curriculum. Use art to teach aspects of social studies, mathematical concepts, scientific themes, and language arts. Examples: pictures and sculptures.	Art programs and specialists are becoming increasingly rare due to the ignorance of current government policies – they create a view of the arts as unimportant. However, many do not agree with this and are pushing for change.	NCLB does not actually support education in the arts, as it gives the impression of. Almost half of our nation’s elementary schools lack a specialist art teacher. Prior to workshops, teachers did not consider themselves <i>artistic</i> ; afterwards, they considered themselves <i>creative</i> .	What can we do, as educators, to push for and bring about a change in the NCLB policy that would place more importance on the arts in education?
Source #3: art-smart.ci.manchester.ct.us	Art develops self-expression, imagination and creativity, and critical-thinking and problem-solving skills in children. It also develops their abilities to weigh meanings, make evaluations and	Get parents involved. Talk about art. Provide materials and a place to work. Encourage creativity through various activities. Stimulate interest by utilizing art resources in the community. Actively	Through art, children can learn about the world around them. Education in the arts and through the arts is essential. Parents can (and should) make a difference in children’s interest in art.	Most schools have experienced budget cuts in art programs in the last 10 years. At these schools, students are missing opportunities to expand skills necessary to succeed in a visually oriented	Of the schools that have experienced budget cuts in art programs, how have they pushed for more integration of the arts?

	judgments, and work cooperatively in groups to achieve goals.	support art at school and at home.		world.	
Summaries	Art is an important tool to be used in all aspects of a child's education. It helps children to develop cognitively, linguistically, physically, socially, and personally. Art is an excellent tool to be used as a means of making connections between subjects. It helps students to make better sense of their world.	Teachers should stay current with the latest suggestions for ways to integrate art into the curriculum. One way to do this is to attend workshops that provide ideas and focus on approaches to teaching art. Use art to assess students' learning of material. Use it to teach aspects of other subjects. Actively encourage creativity and stimulate interest in art as much as possible.	The arts are seen as unimportant by some, due to the greater importance of other subjects in testing results. However, views are still generally positive. Art can be a very beneficial inclusion to a classroom curriculum, and many see it as such. Some people are pushing hard for change. Art education is essential to the development of children.		