

Visual Arts

At Washington University Nursery School we offer children many opportunities to express themselves creatively and artistically. We value visual arts, music, and dramatic play as important building blocks in constructing learning. In the visual arts, the emphasis is on the process of exploring materials and how they can be manipulated, rather than the product of those manipulations. We allow children the time, space, and freedom necessary to achieve a successful and complete experience. These art experiences, whether undertaken independently or as part of a group, can help increase a child's attention span, improve fine motor skills, strengthen confidence and emotional well-being while building independence. Materials and experiences include:

- Drawing with crayons, pencils, chalk, markers, sidewalk chalk
- Painting with fingers, brushes, feathers, sponges, leaves, vegetables, and other materials and items
- Printmaking with rubber stamps, potato shapes, and various other objects
- Working with clay and doughs used for shaping, building, and modeling
- Cutting, tearing, gluing, and stapling
- Shaping/forming and stringing beads
- Creating collages from any combination of fabrics, paper, pictures, and a variety of three-dimensional items
- Building 3-dimensional constructions using boxes, paper tubes, cartons, and other recyclable materials
- Creating pictures or structures using wire, clay, wood and other materials

Students at Washington University Nursery School enjoy exploring visual arts, music and drama with specialists in these areas, in addition to the artistic opportunities that abound as part of their everyday curriculum in the classroom and on the playground.