Social Emotional Arts: Learning Objectives

Social Emotional Arts recognizes multiculturalism as inclusive of gender, race, ethnicity, age, sexual orientation, differences in physical abilities, exceptional educational needs, giftedness, religion, class, and economic background, and embeds the concept in its arts curricula.

The Social Emotional Arts Certificate Program adopts an anti-bias curriculum grounded in appropriate developmental approaches that directly addresses bias as youth interact and construct identity and attitudes, thereby avoiding a tourist approach of multiculturalism that emphasizes "exotic" differences between cultures (Derman-Sparks, 2001*).

SOCIAL

Recognizing Feelings

Understanding Impact of Actions on Others

Other-Perspective Taking

Understanding Cultural Uniqueness of Self and Peers

Reading Nonverbal Cues

Appreciating Different Viewpoints and Their Cultural Contributions

Turn Taking

Listening / Sharing

Problem Solving

Connecting through Shared Experience

Connecting via Identifying Cultural Differences and Similarities

Cooperation / Team Work

Communication Skills

EMOTIONAL

Identifying and Labeling Feelings

Developing Coping Strategies

Self-Awareness

Awareness of Cultural Uniqueness of Self and Peers

Self-Management / Impulse Control

Being in the Present Moment

Decreasing Self-Judgment

Embracing Self-Definition

Stress Management

Frustration Tolerance

Developing Mastery

Self-Esteem

Increasing Self-Identity

COGNITIVE

Decision-Making

Planning

Organizing

Breaking Down Large Tasks

Understanding New Concepts

Critical Thinking

Being Able to Stand Up For Self and Peers

Cause and Effect

Goal Setting / Future-Oriented
Thinking

Sustaining Focus

Attention to Detail

Attention to the Big Picture

Analytical Skill Building

Integrate Sensory Stimuli



*Derman-Sparks, L. & A.B.C. Task Force (2001) *Anti-bias curriculum: Tools for empowering young children*. Washington, DC: National Association for the Education of Young Children.

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