

Creative Expression - Exploring Painting Techniques - Discovering Colors

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To mix and make colors is engrossing and emotionally satisfying. Painting experiences, learning steps for painting, provide children an opportunity to develop relationships with colors and materials. Children also learn to respect tools being used and really see themselves as true artist.

As teachers, our role is to take the time to observe children at work and listen to their words. Most importantly give children time, time to ponder, time to explore materials, time to repeat things over and over again. And offer materials and tools of the best quality that let children shape their own ideas and enable them to realize their potential.



Next week, painting with watercolors, I wonder how much more detail will see in children's art. Watercolors require a thinner brush. How will using a thinner brush inspire a different kind of thinking?

Max: Focus on painting with one color at a time.

Grayson: I'm making green. Blue and yellow make green that's what Martina says.

Jace: Oh! I'm making brown. But green is my favorite color.

Moorea: Well, I think this is enough paint. I making purple.

Alisa: Red and yellow make orange. I want to make like Staley Rae color, this one (points to purple).

Staley Rae: I like purple. This is a big dog eating food and water.

Milo: I'm painting right? I like painting with Alisa. Right Alisa?

June: I'm painting beautiful band. The one people go to and play instruments.

Aaron: In deep concentration as he paints whenever he looks up we share smiles.

Sadie: I want more paint.