

Artist in the Neighbourhood

Pedagogical Documentation

Location: Lakewood, Port Dover

Group: Preschool

Artist educator: Emma Enright



At Lakewood, I have been working with preschool and toddler groups. I have been rotating my sessions back-and-forth to accommodate all children and for them to experience the Arts for All Program, with each session being presented outside. Each session I have been providing the children with open-ended materials and different themes to explore.

Activity Review / What I Observed

Project: Transparency

In my third week at Lakewood, I worked with the preschool group and worked with the theme transparency. I presented coloured sheets of transparent paper, scissors, tissue paper, and sticky contact paper.

I worked closely with the preschool children as they explored the sensory qualities of cutting, sticking, and layering the coloured acetate. They enjoyed the quality of the sticky contact paper. They were especially engaged with the transparency, noticing



how colours changed when overlapped. They noticed new colours would appear when layering other colours of transparent acetate. Children also noticed the reflections of colour that appeared on the playground when the artwork was shined. The experience became collaborative as children contributed to one shared piece, which developed into a mosaic-style artwork. They showed excitement and pride in creating together, and we later hung it in the classroom for children and families to enjoy.



Educator's Role

I acted as a co-learner by observing and listening, while providing materials that encouraged open-ended exploration. I supported children's curiosity about light, colour, and reflection, and fostered collaboration through shared space and dialogue.

Next Steps

I will extend this exploration by offering more light-based experiences, such as using windows or light tables to deepen their understanding of transparency and reflection. Also, using light tables and flashlights to create shadow and colour would also further explore the theme of transparency.

