



## THE CHANCE TO CREATE

All Children.

All Arts.

All Abilities.



## **OUR MISSION**

Founded in 2001, Arts for Learning (A4L) is a non-profit organization dedicated to advancing teaching and learning through the arts.



## ALL CHILDREN

From
Infancy
to High
School

## **ALL ARTS**

Theatre | Music | Dance | Visual Art | Creative Writing | Animation | Film | Architecture









## ALL ABILITIES



## Why the Arts?

## Powerful Teaching Tool





Road Map

Allignment

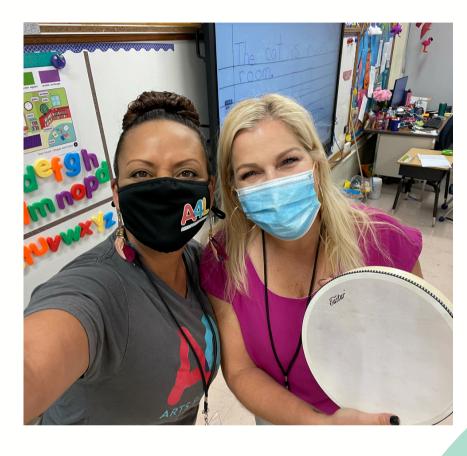
Provide
Impactful
Learning
Experiences



## Support Teachers

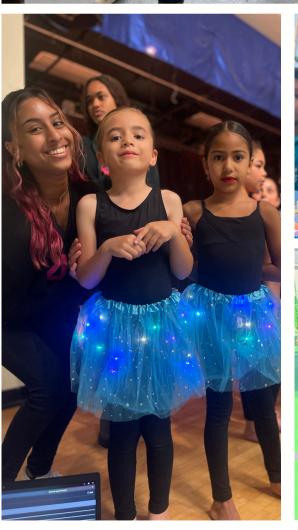






## Help Parents Thrive









## Integrate Easily into Systems





## ARTS FOR LEARNING

**Continum of Arts Care: Evolution** 

Early Childhood

A4L Afterschool

All Kids Included

Lewis Arts Studio

ArtWorks

Partnerships



## More than 4,000 Students Annually



## Goals

To improve developmental outcomes for children and youth through the arts at all stages and ages so they can thrive.

To remove any barriers that prevent children from having access to handson arts learning so that everyone can participate.

To democratize the arts so that every student can feel that the arts are for them.

To build a foundation where all children in the community can grow up with the arts so that our community has a sustainable network of arts programs.



## Magic Ingredients

Creative Haven

Peer Support

Responsive Design

Skills to Thrive





## BENEFITS OF THE ARTS

- Physical Development
  - Fine & Gross Motor Skills
- Language & Literacy
- Self-Expression
- Social & Emotional Skills
- Confidence and Independence
- Cognitive Development
  - Problem Solving
  - Critical Thinking
  - Creativity and Imagination



# What does arts integration look like?









### **OUR APPROACH**

WE SUPPORT:

BY OFFERING:

**CURRICULUM CONNECTIONS** 

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

HANDS-ON LEARNING MUSIC, ART, MOVEMENT, CREATIVE PLAY

Support of overall child development while providing real-time coaching, modeling, and training for teachers on how to use the arts in their classrooms

Two Semesters of Programming:
One Semester is 7 Sessions Long
Another Semester is 16 Sessions Long







### DECADES OF PARTNERSHIPS

- M-DCPS Early Learning ESE, Easter Seals, private preschools, M-DCPS Pre-K, Head Start, Early Head Start, Home-Based Programs, Wolf Trap Institute
- Hands on interactive arts experiences that support child development milestones and school readiness
- Coaching and mentoring for teachers on how to use the arts in their classrooms

### WHAT TEACHERS SAY

The children are more aware of their peers' feelings and wellbeing.

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Through the classes received, I was able to enrich with new strategies integrating the arts and music to the children's learning. It has been an unforgettable experience both for me as a teacher and for the children who were looking forward to Ms. Jennifer.

This program has allowed me to understand the importance of integrating art into teaching, as it has been demonstrated that the children's motivation to learn increases as well as their concentration whenever the activity is of interest to them.

Come again next year!









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