

THE ROLE OF FINE ARTS CLASSES IN DEVELOPING CREATIVE POTENTIAL IN CHILDREN

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Abstract: this article examines the development of children’s creative and cognitive abilities through fine arts, the formation of their aesthetic taste, and the expansion of visual thinking. It is emphasized that from an early age, children’s ability to perceive colors, shapes, and compositions plays a crucial role in fostering creative thinking and independent decision-making. Moreover, the encouraging approach of parents and educators, along with practical activities and the implementation of innovative pedagogical technologies, plays a decisive role in increasing children’s interest in art.

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From the moment a child is born, their eyes begin to develop the ability to recognize and differentiate colored objects. In the early years, children show a particular interest in various colors, colorful images, and details. The ability to distinguish colors and focus on visual elements sparks the child’s initial interest in art. In this way, fine arts play a crucial role in broadening a child’s worldview and shaping creative thinking [1]. Many children make their first drawings not on paper, but on the walls of their homes, which reflects the boundless and free nature of their perception of the world. For a child to deeply experience fine arts and develop a broad worldview, the support and encouragement of parents are of great importance. For example, scolding a child who draws on the wall with phrases such as “You’ll never be an artist” can diminish their love for art and restrict their creative potential [2, 3]. Approximately 80-90% of preschool-aged children are eager to draw and depict nature and their surroundings. This process helps them form mental representations of nature and objects in their environment. For instance, children may dip their hands in colored paint and press them onto paper to create the shape of a tree [4, 5]. Unfortunately, over time, under the influence of parents, these percentages tend to decrease significantly, as in many families, social or familial values are prioritized over the child’s abilities and interests. As a result, children may grow up to become narrow-minded individuals whose creative freedom is restricted.

The subject of fine arts teaches children to think freely and approach tasks creatively. Skills such as distinguishing colors in nature, differentiating white from black and vice versa, help develop children’s aesthetic taste and strengthen their visual perception [6]. As noted by the Russian artist and educator D.N. Kardovsky: “Those studying art are obliged to adhere to the laws of form, proportion, light, properties, and movement of objects” [7]. This process expands the artist’s imagination and deepens the child’s worldview. Practical exercises are also of great importance for young artists. For instance, when Odoardo Fioletti came to Venice to study, Tintoretto advised him on mastering color and painting: “Draw, and draw again” [2]. This

emphasizes the significance of creative labor and consistent practice in achieving artistic mastery. Moreover, developing visual perception and imaginative abilities through fine arts is closely linked to children's overall cognitive development. Research shows that by recognizing and distinguishing colors, children enhance their thinking processes and improve their ability to understand complex shapes and compositions [5, 6]. For example, the process of dipping a hand in colored paint and pressing it onto paper to depict a tree or other natural forms strengthens children's sensorimotor skills and teaches them to generate creative solutions [4]. From a scientific perspective, fine arts help shape a child's aesthetic taste, develop visual attention through the perception of colors, and activate essential cognitive processes [1, 7]. This, in turn, contributes to significant positive outcomes in students' future academic and social activities. Moreover, the pedagogical approach of parents and educators has a considerable impact on children's creative abilities: an encouraging environment enhances children's interest in art, whereas reprimands or restrictions can diminish their creative potential [3, 8]. Fine arts classes teach children to distinguish colors, understand shapes and proportions, and work with light and shadow. As D.N. Kardovsky emphasized, art instructs learners to adhere to the forms, proportions, light, and properties of objects, thereby broadening their thinking and developing their visual cognition [9]. Additionally, art lessons cultivate free thinking, the ability to make creative decisions, and the development of independent artistic activity [10, 11]. It is important to note that practical exercises and regular drawing practice significantly enhance children's artistic abilities. For instance, when the young artist Odoardo Fioletti came to Venice to study, he was advised by Tintoretto: "Draw, and draw again" [2]. This principle highlights the necessity of developing artistic skills through creative labor and consistent practice [12, 13]. Furthermore, the application of modern pedagogical technologies serves as an important tool for enhancing children's creative potential.

Moreover, developing children's creative abilities through fine arts strengthens their aesthetic taste, visual thinking, and emotional intelligence. Research indicates that in the process of recognizing and studying colors, shapes, and proportions, children not only enhance their creative thinking but also improve their problem-solving and logical reasoning skills [5, 6]. For example, when children dip their hands in paint and press them onto paper to create various shapes and adapt them to natural objects, this process develops sensorimotor skills and fosters creative freedom [4]. In addition, the pedagogical approach and learning environment play a crucial role. Encouragement from parents and educators stimulates children's interest in art, whereas reprimands and restrictions can reduce this potential. From this perspective, creating a positive environment in fine arts classes and encouraging children to engage in free and independent creativity is essential [3, 8]. Fine arts lessons teach children to distinguish colors, understand shapes, perceive proportions and composition, and work with light and shadow. As Kardovsky emphasized, art instructs learners to adhere to the forms, proportions, light, and properties of objects, thereby enhancing visual thinking and fostering creative cognition [9]. Furthermore, participation in practical exercises helps children think independently, make creative decisions, and express themselves freely in artistic activities [10, 11]. Regular practice and intensive creative exercises are indispensable for developing young artists. For instance, when Odoardo Fioletti came to Venice to study, Tintoretto advised him: "Draw, and draw again" [2]. This principle underscores the necessity of cultivating artistic skills through creative labor

and consistent practice. Additionally, the application of modern pedagogical and innovative technologies serves as an effective means to enhance children's creative potential [12, 13]. Moreover, fine arts not only develop visual skills but also foster emotional and aesthetic perception. Through exposure to works of art, children learn to appreciate beauty and understand historical and cultural heritage, which enriches their personal worldview and elevates their level of creative thinking [11, 12]. In this way, fine arts cultivate free thinking, creative discipline, and the ability to make independent decisions in students.

Furthermore, through fine arts classes, children develop spatial thinking and a sense of balance. For example, understanding the placement of shapes and colors, as well as proportions and composition, teaches children to perceive objects in spatial and horizontal-parallel coordinates. This, in turn, supports the development of their mathematical and logical reasoning skills [5, 6]. At the same time, the colors and compositions studied in art classes enhance children's visual aesthetic taste, allowing them to recognize harmony in color and form and make creative decisions [7, 8]. Pedagogical research indicates that when children engage in fine arts, they develop not only their visual and aesthetic abilities but also their creative will and independent thinking. In this process, it is crucial for parents and educators to create an encouraging environment. Supporting a child's creative efforts, introducing them to new techniques and materials, and fostering creative freedom strengthen their interest in art [3, 9]. Additionally, by exploring various styles and techniques in art classes, children gain creative experience. This experience provides a foundation for making independent artistic decisions and generating new shapes and compositions. As D.N.Kardovsky emphasized, art teaches learners to adhere to the forms, proportions, light, and properties of objects, thereby enhancing visual thinking and fostering creative cognition [9]. Practical exercises play an indispensable role in developing young artists. For instance, when Odoardo Fioletti sought advice from Tintoretto on mastering painting, Tintoretto told him: "Draw, and draw again" [2]. This principle underscores the necessity of developing artistic skills through creative labor and consistent practice [12, 13]. Furthermore, the application of modern pedagogical and innovative technologies serves as an effective tool for enhancing children's creative potential. Moreover, fine arts also enable children to develop emotional intelligence and aesthetic perception. Through exposure to artworks, they learn to appreciate beauty, understand historical and cultural heritage, and perceive nature and the environment. This process enriches children's personal worldview, social skills, and level of creative thinking [10, 11]. In this way, fine arts cultivate free thinking, creative discipline, and the ability to make independent decisions in students.

In conclusion, through fine arts, children develop not only their creative abilities but also their overall cognitive development. From an early age, they acquire visual and aesthetic skills such as distinguishing colors, understanding shapes and proportions, and working with light and shadow. This process strengthens children's spatial thinking, logical reasoning, and problem-solving abilities [5, 6]. Fine arts encourage free thinking and the independent formulation of creative decisions. By exploring various techniques and styles, children gain creative experience, which enhances their ability to express their own ideas. The supportive approach of educators and parents plays a crucial role in this process: a positive environment reinforces children's interest in art, while reprimands and restrictions may diminish their creative potential [3, 8, 9].

Furthermore, fine arts foster aesthetic taste, emotional intelligence, and the ability to perceive nature and the environment. Through exposure to artworks, children learn to appreciate beauty, understand historical and cultural heritage, and broaden their personal worldview and social skills, thereby enhancing their creative thinking [10, 11]. Practical exercises and regular drawing practice are essential for developing young artists. As highlighted by Odoardo Fioletti's interaction with Tintoretto, creative labor and consistent practice are fundamental for mastering artistic skills [2]. Additionally, the use of modern pedagogical technologies provides significant opportunities to enhance children's creative potential and effectively teach art [12, 13]. Overall, fine arts play a decisive role in a child's personal and aesthetic development, the formation of creative thinking, and the ability to make independent decisions. Therefore, to broaden children's worldview and cultivate their creative potential, educators and parents should create a supportive, free, and creatively stimulating environment that acknowledges the value and importance of fine arts. As a result, children not only learn to appreciate art but also develop the capacity to experience beauty, cultivate refined aesthetic taste, and attain a rich moral and cultural understanding through the harmony of art and human experience.

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