

10 LESSONS THE ARTS TEACH

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The arts teach children to make **GOOD JUDGMENTS** about qualitative relationships. Unlike much of the curriculum in which correct answers and rules prevail, in the arts, it is judgment rather than rules that prevail.

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The arts teach children that problems can have **MORE THAN ONE** solution and that questions can have more than one answer.

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The arts **CELEBRATE** multiple **PERSPECTIVES**. One of their large lessons is that there are many ways to see and interpret the world.

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The arts teach children that in complex forms of **PROBLEM SOLVING** purposes are seldom fixed, but change with circumstance and opportunity. Learning in the arts requires the ability and a willingness to surrender to the unanticipated possibilities of the work as it unfolds.

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The arts **MAKE VIVID** the fact that neither words in their literal form nor numbers exhaust what we can know. The limits of our language do not define the limits of our cognition.

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The arts teach students that small differences can have **LARGE EFFECTS**. The arts traffic in subtleties.

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The arts teach students to **THINK THROUGH** and within a material. All art forms employ some means through which images become real.

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The arts help children learn to **SAY WHAT CANNOT BE SAID**. When children are invited to disclose what a work of art helps them feel, they must reach into their poetic capacities to find the words that will do the job.

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The arts enable us to have experience we can have from no other source and through such experience to **DISCOVER THE RANGE** and variety of what we are capable of feeling.

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The arts' position in the **SCHOOL CURRICULUM** symbolizes to the young what adults believe is important.



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