

# Art Area

Art materials are supplied to children on a daily basis. Drawing, painting, pasting, molding, and constructing are enjoyable to children and provide important opportunities for learning.

Here at school, when the children are playing in the Art Area they are:

- expressing ideas
- expressing feelings
- improving their coordination
  - recognizing colors
  - recognizing textures
- developing originality/creativity
- finding pride in their accomplishments

**What you can do at Home:**

- talk about illustrations in books
- discuss pictures that may be hanging on your walls
- incorporate an area within your home with crayons, markers, pens, paper, child-sized scissors, glue, boxes, empty paper towel rolls, tissue paper, etc.
- ask open ended questions about pieces of art, such as:
  - Can you tell me about your picture?*
  - How did you decide what to make?*
  - What do you like the best about it?*
  - Why did you use those colors?*
  - What is your favorite part?*