Art Adventures Enrichment Program

Students ...
will think wonder, explore, and discover.

will learn about the possibilities of materials and tools.

are encouraged to collaborate and use creativity and critical thinking skills.

will gain confidence to express their own ideas.

will embrace mistakes as part of the learning process.

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Work has continued on rebuilding the birthday tree, it was a big job to paint the entire trunk and many students were excited to try blending different colors of paint to help our tree look great.

We also had a birthday this week, and our students were SO excited to decorate the art building with banners, cards, crowns, and paper chains to celebrate and surprise our friend!
Our messy craft for the month was Flubber, a non-Newtonian fluid which all of our friends seemed to enjoy. Recipe:
Mix 2-5 drops food coloring with
2 cups non-toxic white glue (like Elmer’s)
1 ½ cups warm water
Mix 1 1/3 cup warm water with 3 teaspoons Borax
Mix Borax water into glue mixture and let sit 10 minutes before playing.

They kept asking each other, "What does it feel like?" BRAINS!

They each chose their favorite colors and played with their creations outside in the sun.
Art Adventures is so sad to say good-bye to so many of our friends as they leave camp now that school is transitioning back to in-person, but we are so proud of all of the creativity and wonder everyone has expressed in our short time together!

VCFC will inform Art Adventures families with three weeks’ notice of our last day of program for this Fall Semester. We are grateful for your partnership as we pilot this project! Please note Art Adventures is closed for Teacher In-Service on Friday, October 23rd.

Safety and Health

To address COVID-19, the respiratory illness caused by a novel coronavirus, VCFC has developed, in consultation with VUPS and others, a prevention and containment strategy specific to children’s services. If you are experiencing symptoms or have exposure concerns, the Vanderbilt University COVID-19 website has clear guidelines on when to self-isolate and how to report: vu.edu/coronavirus.

VCFC is grateful for parents managing their children’s wellness by making decisions out of an abundance of caution with consideration for the impact to our learning community. To provide more support with this decision-making, VCFC seeks to highlight the following resources:

Metro Public Health Department COVID-19 telephone hotline with nurses and other public health professionals available to answer questions, provide the latest information about COVID-19- 615-862-7777

VUMC COVID-19 hotline at (888) 312-0847 for assessment

The flyer at this link may help individuals to understand terms: https://www.vumc.org/health-policy/sites/default/files/public_files/Social_Quarantine_Iso_KSL.pdf

*If you or your child are experiencing symptoms or have exposure concerns, do not enter the Art Adventures facility.*
FAQ for Families Enrolled in VCFC Programs

Maintaining the health and safety of our community is critical.

1. What if VCFC has a confirmed case of COVID-19?
   ❖ If a staff, child or parent/guardian is confirmed to have COVID-19, the facility will close immediately for deep cleaning and sanitization (approximately three days.)
   ❖ VCFC will report this immediately to VUPS, POM, and DHS, and others as necessary.
   ❖ Staff in close contact with the individual will be required to self-isolate for 10 days.
   ❖ Children in close contact with the individual will not be re-admitted to the program for 10 days and parents are asked to monitor the child for COVID symptoms.
   ❖ The individual who has the confirmed case will not be re-admitted to the program until after self-isolating for the required period per CDC guidelines. The individual additionally must be cleared by a healthcare professional.
   ❖ Families that fail to comply with reporting procedures will be disenrolled from the Art Adventures program.

2. How Should a Parent/Guardian Respond if Their Child is Exposed to COVID-19?
   ❖ If a child is exposed to COVID-19 the following steps must be taken on their behalf by the parent or legal guardian. Exposure is defined as “close contact” the child having been within six feet of a person with a confirmed case of COVID for 15 minutes or more during the period when the infected individual was contagious. Final determination that your child is a close contact should be confirmed by trained contact tracing.
   ❖ The parent/guardian will contact Occupational Health at 615-936-0955 for assessment and directions on next steps.
     • The parent/guardian should explicitly state that the child attends group care in an early childhood program.
     • The parent/guardian should include members of the household and their ages in their report, specifically seeking guidance for siblings in the home.
   ❖ The parent will immediately inform VCFC via email at cfcadmin@vanderbilt.edu that they or their child has been confirmed as a close contact exposure.
   ❖ The individual who has the confirmed case will not be re-admitted to the program until after self-isolating for the required period per CDC guidelines. The individual must also be cleared by a healthcare professional. Current guidelines for self-isolation are:
     o If the individual has symptoms, isolation must be for 10 days from the onset of symptoms; in addition, the individual cannot be re-admitted until symptoms have improved and the individual has been fever-free for 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medication.
     o If the individual does not have symptoms, isolation must be for 10 days from the positive test date.
   ❖ The parent/guardian should consult with their child’s pediatrician.
   ❖ Families that fail to comply with reporting procedures will be disenrolled from the Art Adventures program.
For Medical professionals: If contact occurs while wearing recommended personal protective equipment or PPE (e.g., gowns, gloves, NIOSH-certified disposable N95 respirator, eye protection), that contact will NOT be considered close contact for purposes of this policy. Parents are expected to change their clothes and shoes and thoroughly wash their hands, arms, face and neck after their work shift and prior to entering the program.

3. **What strategies will VCFC have in place to prevent the spread of COVID-19?**
   - Parents will monitor children for COVID symptoms (new uncontrolled cough that causes difficulty breathing, temperature of 100 degrees or higher, sore throat, diarrhea, vomiting, or abdominal pain, new onset of severe headache especially with fever) and not bring them to program if these symptoms have been present within the past 24 hours.
   - All persons use hand sanitizer before entering the building or touching keypads.
   - All persons practice social distancing, such as when a line forms inside the lobby.
   - All persons will wear a mask or facial covering over nose and mouth on VU property.
   - Parent and children’s temperatures will be taken by a staff member before parent sign in and entering the classroom. Parents with a temperature registering 100 degrees or higher may not proceed beyond the temperature taking station; a staff member will take their child into the classroom.
   - Staff and children will wash hands for 20 seconds with soap and water at sign-in, before and after eating and after toileting.
   - Families/staff will promptly report illness or COVID exposure to the program.
   - VCFC will work with families whose exposure or symptom status changes during the day when their child is in care. It is important to remember, parents experiencing symptoms or with exposure concerns should call ahead of pick up to work with our staff on a plan that includes avoiding entering the facility.
   - Families that fail to comply with these strategies will be disenrolled from the Art Adventures program.

4. **Will I be reimbursed if Art Adventures is closed for COVID-related response?**
   - No. There is no tuition proration for dates of closure or child absences.
   - VCFC will only close Art Adventures out of an abundance of caution to take the time necessary to implement established protocols, including cleaning and sanitizing the program’s classrooms. We regret any inconvenience to working families.

*VCFC reserves the right to revise this information at any time to ensure compliance with DHS, TN Department of Health, and Vanderbilt policies and practices.*