

## The Parent's Role in Children's Art Experiences

Your role in your child's art experience is critical.

Here are the **BUILDING BLOCKS** to increasing your child's self-esteem and self-confidence!

### **#1 – Ask Open-Ended Questions to *Elevate* Your Child's Self-Esteem**

- “Would you like to tell me about your project?”
- “Is there a story about what you have made?”
- “Tell me about it!”

This gives your child an opportunity to share with you his or her story, ideas, and thoughts about his or her artwork. (*And you might just be amazed!*)

### **#2 – Avoid Saying Certain Phrases**

- “What is that?” or “What are you drawing?” or “Is this a picture of...?” *There might not be a concrete answer!*
- In addition, try not label the end product: “I like your picture of a dog,” because it might not be a dog, but a dinosaur!” or “I like that drawing that you did of the sun...” It could be a rocket!

### **#3 – Do Comment on the Process to *Increase* Your Child's Self-Confidence**

- “You are making your hand go around and around with that paint brush!”
- “Look, you are moving your hand from one corner of the paper to the other.”

### **#4 – Do Comment on the Product**

- “You've made little dots around your extra large yellow line.”
- “You've drawn a small circle inside the big circle.”
- “You have colored two of your lines pink and one green.”
- “How did you make that color?”



**By following these suggestions, you are...**

*benefitting* your child in a variety of ways

*supporting* his or her independent, creative thinking

*providing* an opportunity for your child to increase his or her self-confidence and self-esteem!

Questions? Want to schedule an Art Enrichment Class or Art Party? Call us anytime!

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