

ARTS INTEGRATION

for **Multilingual Learners** and everyone

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Experiential learning through the arts can provide **engaging** and authentic opportunities for students to **construct** meaning and **develop** language. In contrast to instruction that relies heavily on traditional print-text, the arts can broaden opportunities for (all kids but especially) multilingual learners to **absorb** concepts, **process** ideas, and **express** their learning.
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EXPOSURE TO THE ARTS

- Provides **non-print texts** to enhance understanding of an idea
- Develops **multiple literacies** which can inform and expand students' communicative repertoire
- Artists and art forms **representing** the heritages and interests of students help them see themselves reflected in the curriculum



ART MAKING

- Creates a low stress space for learning and demonstrating **talents** without so much dependence on language
- Amplifies options for **expression**
- Becomes a natural **scaffold** for learning
- Collaborative art forms & processes provide natural opportunities to interact and **practice** language with peers



LEARNING VIA THE ARTS

Art can function as a means to reach academic goals in at least three ways:

- Serves as a text to **convey** a concept
- Acts as a medium for students to **connect** to and **experience** a concept
- Provides a form for a student to **demonstrate** their learning of a concept



YOU CAN...

Cultivate your own artistic talents

Build your knowledge of students' cultures and interests

Seek opportunities in curricula to integrate the arts

Plan collaborations with arts education partners