Arts All Around Us
Encouraging Creativity Outside The Classroom

The questions and activities below are designed to inspire students and families to connect with the arts in fun and engaging ways. Using the Artistic Processes as a guide, these ideas provide a framework for arts learning at home and in the community.

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Wise Words
"We all can dance when we find music we love."
- Giles Andreae

Reflect on It: Turn on your favorite music and dance!

Let’s Explore!
Spend several minutes looking closely at the painting to the left.

What do you see in the painting?
What do you wonder?
How does it make you feel?

Write down your ideas and talk about them with your family or friends.

Title: Carmencita
Artist: William Merritt Chase, (1890)
Location: The Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York
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The Artistic Processes
Recall the artwork you looked at earlier as you explore the artistic processes through the questions and activities below.

Respond - Explore and Understand
- What **colors** do you see in the painting? What **mood** do these colors convey?
- How does the artist use **shape** to show **movement** in the painting?

Connect - Relate to the Art
- Use your senses - What **sounds** do you hear when you look at this painting?
- How does the painting make you **feel**? Why?

Create - Make Art
- Choreograph your own **dance** for Carmencita. For an added challenge, create your own costume to go with your dance.
- Compose a **song** that Carmencita might enjoy.

Present and Perform - Share Your Art
- **Share** your creations with your family or friends.
- Take a moment to tell them what you **discovered**.

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