



Arts for Learning CT PROGRAM GUIDE



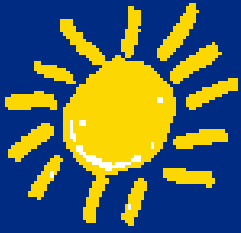
LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- Learn about various concepts of earth science and life science
- Learn to communicate scientific ideas through music, theater, and dance

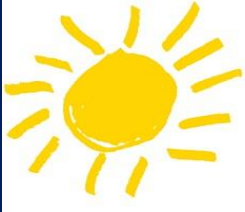
Turtle Dance Music Why Ecosystems Rock

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

This is an exciting program meant to foster exploration, understanding and appreciation of ecosystems. Students will explore the question, "How do scientists, politicians, farmers, teachers, filmmakers, musicians, inventors and doctors communicate important ideas about ecosystems that currently threaten the survival of living organisms?" Discuss important topics including biodiversity loss, climate change, deforestation, population increases, food production and waste, agriculture, water usage, biofuels and greenhouse gas emissions. This program will engage students who are visual, aural, and/or kinesthetic learners through fun and novel music and improvised theater collaborations. Students will work in groups to create original scenes and songs about relevant information related to their chosen topic. Students will present their scenes and songs at the end of class to an audience of their peers. They will reflect on what ideas they took away from other group's presentations.



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TURTLE.
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About the Artist & Program Preparations

ABOUT THE ARTIST

Described as, "The most fantastic performance for children I have ever seen", Turtle Dance Music is a children's music company dedicated to furthering child development through arts-integration, music, and educational entertainment. They spark children's curiosity and imaginations through interactive, inclusive musical performances that use a wide range of instruments, stuffed animals, games and music technology. The sensory-friendly performances are geared for Pre-K, grades K-5 and students on the Autism Spectrum. Turtle Dance Music is directed by Matt Mazur M.A., DIR-Certified/ Co-Founder, Director, Musician, Teacher Autism Intervention and Early Childhood Music Specialist.

OTHER PROGRAMS

Songs That Count

The Music, Bubble and Comedy Show!

Space! The Cosmos for Kids

Wally And The Water Cycle

Autism Friendly vs. Sensory Friendly

To make something sensory friendly one typically adjusts the auditory, visual and olfactory stimulation to levels acceptable for the population that will be experiencing it. Since individuals with ASD do have difficulties with self-regulation and adjusting to sensory stimuli, it makes sense to begin here. However, such environmental changes alone do not make something autism friendly. Since the primary difficulties facing people with ASD concern language, social skills and repetitive/rigid behaviors, making something autism friendly also requires the introduction of visual supports to make the environment more predictable and address challenges with transitions, as well as tools to address difficulties with social interaction and perspective taking.

<https://autismfriendlyspaces.org/index.php/about/30-autism-friendly/126-autism-friendly-vs-sensory-friendly>

CURRICULAR LINKS

Common Core State Standard for English Language Arts.

Speaking and Listening: Comprehension and Collaboration; Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas.

Next Generation Science Standards: 3-LS2-1 Ecosystems: Interactions, Energy, and Dynamics
5-ESS1-1 Earth's Place in the Universe Support an argument that the apparent brightness of the sun and stars is due to their relative distances from the Earth. 5-ESS1-2 Earth's Place in the Universe Represent data in graphical displays to reveal patterns of daily changes in length and direction of shadows, day and night, and the seasonal appearance of some stars in the night sky.

National Core Art Standards MU: Cr2.1.3, Cr2.1.4, and CR2.1.5

"Not only did our pre-k kids have a great time, but our teachers can't stop raving about them either! Kids and teachers alike were engaged – laughing at jokes, singing and dancing along! We can't wait to have them back next year!"

-Ms. Toomey, School Principal



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