

Monthly Thematic Take-Home Art Projects

*Dr. Charles R. Drew Early Childhood Center at 90
Buffalo, New York*

Anyone who walks through the halls of the Dr. Charles R. Drew Early Childhood Center (ECC) can see the creativity of its students all over the walls. Each month, students prepare a themed art project at home with their families and then bring their creations to school for display.

At the beginning of the month, parents receive the school newsletter, which contains the theme for the month. Themes often center on multicultural ideas or involve a holiday. For November, the theme was Thanksgiving; for December, celebrations at home; and for April, recycling, in recognition of Earth Day. Using everyday materials from home, students and family members create a work of art to spotlight the theme. School staff display the art projects on the walls, on tables, and in display cases. Students receive certificates for participating.

Drew ECC likes the art projects because everyone can participate in a school function without requiring too much funding or man-hours from support staff. Also, family involvement increases when parents come to see all of the art projects on display. Monthly Thematic Take-Home Art Projects are a great way to celebrate creativity and enhance the school's beauty for all to enjoy.

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