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### **Annotated Bibliography**

1. Krueger, Nicole. "5 Reasons Why It Is More Important Than Ever To Teach Creativity." *Iste.Org*, 5 Oct. 2021, [www.iste.org/explore/5\\_Reasons\\_Why\\_It\\_Is\\_More\\_Important\\_Than\\_Ever%20\\_Teach\\_Creativity#:~:text=Creativity%20motivates%20kids%20to%20learn,they%20need%20to%20accomplish%20it](http://www.iste.org/explore/5_Reasons_Why_It_Is_More_Important_Than_Ever%20_Teach_Creativity#:~:text=Creativity%20motivates%20kids%20to%20learn,they%20need%20to%20accomplish%20it)

I chose this article because it discusses several compelling reasons to why creativity and children's education go hand in hand. I really liked their assessment of creativity being an essential human skill. It also discusses the viewpoints of teachers and their experiences with children becoming more involved when working on a creative project. A line from this article that stood out to me was, "Struggling students do very well when they are permitted to unleash their creativity or explore a topic of personal interest." As a student who struggled with writing coming to SLA and being introduced to creative writing, coming up with my own stories, and having more discretion in what I write, I grew to appreciate it and look forward to more projects like that.

2. Barry, Dana, and Hideyuki Kanematsu. "Creativity And Its Importance For Education." *Springer Link*, 17 July 2015, [https://link.springer.com/chapter/10.1007/978-3-319-19234-5\\_1](https://link.springer.com/chapter/10.1007/978-3-319-19234-5_1)

I chose this source because it provides information on the importance of creativity in children's education. I really liked when they stated, "Educators need to support children in the process of discovering and developing their creative potential, which is essential for them to adapt in an ever changing world and to become innovative scientists, artists, engineers, and entrepreneurs of the future." It brings up a vital point, which is that children have a significant impact on shaping the future, therefore it's critical to guide them in a way that will improve their lives and leave the future in good hands.

3. Fitzgerald, Meghan. "Why Creativity Is Just As Important As Literacy." *Tinkergarten*, 1 Mar. 2022,

<https://tinkergarten.com/blog/why-creativity-is-just-as-important-as-literacy#:~:text=It's%20hard%20to%20overstate%20the,done%20to%20make%20them%20happen.>

I chose this article because it caught my attention. This source emphasizes the importance of creativity in coming up with new ideas and solutions to issues. It also emphasizes the importance of critical thinking in creativity. Curiosity drives children to ask questions and try new things. My favorite line from this article is, "The more kids are trained to perform, and the more a particular right answer becomes the goal of learning activities, the more the mind narrows its focus and fears failure or being wrong." In their assignments, students aren't allowed much leeway. They are taught to remember rather than adapt and generate concepts.

4. "5 Reasons Why Creative Expression Is So Important For Children." *Nido Early School*, Nido Early School, 2022,

<https://nido.edu.au/news/why-creative-expression-is-so-important-for-children/#:~:text=Creative%20expression%20provides%20opportunities%20for,a%20result%20of%20their%20experimentation.>

I chose this article because it makes an excellent argument. It explains why it is necessary for educators to inspire creativity in classroom lessons. Children require guidance, and since teachers are the ones who educate us, it is only natural that they should be the ones to help children become more creative. "Children need encouragement and support to develop their creativity (and by extension, to develop important life skills, self confidence and relationship

building) and the process of creative expression is beneficial to both the child and the educator.”

I believe this quote encapsulates the article's main topic of discussion.

5. “The Benefits Of Creativity In Early Childhood Education.” *Stonewall Day Care*,

Stonewall Day Care, 8 Oct. 2013,

<https://stonewalldaycarecenter.com/the-benefits-of-creativity-in-early-childhood-education/>

This article appealed to me because it is informative. It emphasizes how creativity is the starting point for children's achievement. Children will learn something new every day if they are encouraged to explore their learning environment. Maintaining a creative mind in children does not necessarily imply artistic ability. Creativity is more of a state of mind. It improves your style of thinking. It may be useful to children later in life in fields such as politics or media marketing. The line that struck out the most to me was, “There is no crime in promoting creative pursuits for children. Creativity helps students to become open, confident extroverts.”

6. Strauss, Valerie. “Should We Worry That American Children Are Becoming Less

Creative?” *The Washington Post*, 9 Dec. 2019,

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/education/2019/12/09/should-we-worry-that-american-children-are-becoming-less-creative/>

This article does not particularly address education, but it does address the decline in children's creative thinking. Today's children rarely go to the park or make believe, instead, they are absorbed in electronics. As stated before in this article, “Cultivation of children’s natural creativity takes effort, however, and we can’t expect every child who’s spend daily life sitting upright in a classroom chair or slouched over a screen to wake up and spontaneously exclaim,

‘Give me an empty cardboard box so I can turn it into an elephant sanctuary!’” We can't do much about it, but teachers could strive to incorporate it into classes and projects.

7. Kupers, Elisa, et al. “Children’s Creativity: A Theoretical Framework and Systematic Review.” *Sage Journals*, 12 Dec. 2018,  
<https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/full/10.3102/0034654318815707>

I decided to choose this article due to the fact that it discusses how to approach creativity in education in greater depth. how to approach creativity in education. Though the rest of the articles I chose were very similar, this was the only one with a new angle. It covered a wide range of topics, not just how important creativity is in education, but also why, how to promote it, and what atmosphere is best for children to learn in. A point I liked from this article was, “This means that there is no external force that pushes learning into one direction or another; rather, learning and teaching emerge through socially embedded interactions.”

8. “Creative Activities for Preschooler Learning and Development.”  
*Raisingchildren.Net.Au*,  
<https://raisingchildren.net.au/preschoolers/development/creative-development/preschooler-creative-activities>

This website appealed to me because it provides a comprehensive list of creative activities. Drama, craft, music, and dance are all activities that allow kids to express themselves creatively. Creativity thrives when children are given the freedom to explore their own interests. When parents are supportive and allow their children to express their hobbies, they build confidence. Children's self-assurance begins at an early age and lasts throughout their lives. Their self-assurance may propel them forward in life, allowing them to become public speakers who are comfortable with themselves and unconcerned about what others have to say.

“Experiencing, discovering and experimenting are the most important parts of preschooler creative activities.”

9. Dere, Zeynep. “Investigating the Creativity of Children in Early Childhood Education Institutions.” *Universal Journal of Educational Research* 7, 2019, p. 653, <https://doi.org/10.13189/ujer.2019.070302>.

I chose this document because it is very beneficial. It's quite interesting learning about creativity from a scientific perspective. They believe that creativity is the process of creating original things. That creativity is the development of raw opinions, inventions, and ideas. I like how they make a point about how unique creativity can be. “The creativity is different in each individual and even the creativity processes within each individual are different.” They discuss how children as young as two years old should be encouraged to be creative. Being creative will help you think more creatively and tackle circumstances more effectively.

10. “How to Help Your Child Be Creative.” *Kids Collective*, Kids Collective, 28 Feb. 2016, <https://kids-collective.com/blog/how-to-help-your-child-be-creative-the-importance-of-creativity-in-preschool-education/>

This article speaks about how creativity is an important aspect of a child's development. It has an impact on their social, intellectual, physical, and emotional development. Rather than talking to someone about their thoughts, many children may use art and instruments to express themselves. These activities make children feel good about themselves and their accomplishments. Children engage in bodily interaction with the world while they play and assemble toys. They use their senses to learn about the world around them and to connect with what they already know. As children get older, they learn to think critically and solve problems.

In this sense, the preschool creative curriculum helps young learners explore several options, assess them, and decide how to use them in the right situation. “Kids are inborn innovators with vivid imagination and a unique manner of self-expression.”