



# ART @ ST. MARK CENTER

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## Hi, I'm Ms. Bri!

I am so excited to be your child's Art Coordinator this year! This will be my third year with St. Mark Center, and my job is to provide a safe space where your children feel empowered to create through joyful and imaginative art experiences! I value your child both as a student and as an artist, so time spent with me will always be about respecting their ideas and creations, allowing them to lead their learning, and having fun!

I have loved art for as long as I can remember. As I grew up, my passion shifted from creating for my own enjoyment to sharing creative experiences with young people. My heart is happiest with my sleeves rolled up, surrounded by big smiles and little hands!

## THIS MONTH:

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## The Studio

@ ST. MARK CENTER

The Studio at St. Mark Center is located behind our beautiful stage, and is home to many exciting art tools and materials. It is a space dedicated to creativity and self-expression!

Our newly licensed studio will be where students at St. Mark are able to visit on a weekly basis to use their imaginations and create artwork based on their classroom studies! It will also house our guest artist experiences, large-scale art events, and Stay, Play & Learn.

## Stay, Play & Learn

EVERY THURSDAY, 3:00 - 6:00 PM

Stay, Play & Learn is an open-studio experience for caregivers and their children to connect through open-ended art play. This means that ideas and techniques will be presented, but children are encouraged to use their imaginations! Children learn through play, and this special time during our week is dedicated to helping families learn along-side their children through developmentally-appropriate art & STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, & Math) based invitations to create. This program is free and open to the community!



## Process Art

To put it simply, process art focuses on the ideas, the making, and the doing, rather than the tangible product at the end. Through process art, children build self-esteem, learn to problem-solve, and increase their language and visual literacy skills.

Invitations to create are intentionally set up to engage children in open-ended creative play. This approach encourages them to ask questions and experiment with materials as they learn about the world around them.



## Guest Artists @ St. Mark Center

### MINI-RESIDENCIES

Mini-Residencies are monthly partnerships where artists are invited to share their talents through hands-on experiences with our students! The goal of our residency program is to expose children to a variety of mediums, and to provide a platform for artists to share their gifts with the youngest members of our community. Residents also join us for a Stay, Play & Learn session, to engage our families in the same type of experiential learning that our students benefit from.

### TINY TUESDAY CONCERTS

Tiny Tuesday Concerts are a monthly opportunity for artists to share their talents through brief, 20-minute performances on the St. Mark stage! Whether it be through dance, instrumental music, or theater, these experiences serve to provide our students with exposure to a variety of performing arts. These opportunities allow students to practice theater etiquette, focus their attention, and grow their appreciation for self expression.



## Try it at Home:

### HOME-MADE PLAY DOUGH

#### You'll Need:

1 cup of flour, 1/3 cup salt, 1 tablespoon of oil, 2 teaspoons of cream of tartar, 1 cup of water and food coloring, and access to a stove!

#### Directions:

Stir it all together in a pan on low to medium heat, until it starts to get hard around the spoon. (about 4-5 minutes). Then take it off the heat and let it cool- and PLAY! Refrigerate and store in an air-tight container when not in use.