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I have learned an immense amount of techniques and information regarding arts integration for my future classroom. What I have learned in class will sincerely able me to better educate my future students. I believe that one of the most important ways that children can learn information is through kinesthetic methods. Whether those methods be music, art, dance, or theater, the more creative exposures that a child has to material, the more solidified it will be.

I believe that field trips can also be an integral part of a child's educational experience. There are students who might never get to experience a museum and if a school district can provide that for a child, they should. Not only does the purpose of the field trip help the child to grow, but also experiencing life outside of their school will allow them to grow into citizens that are respectful and more accepting of others.

According to School Specialty, "the integration of art into the curriculum for subjects like math and science has been shown to increase understanding and retention, and also to aid in the development of creative problem-solving skills" (Specialty, 2019). I agree with this statement wholeheartedly. I believe that if students are given creative freedoms in assignments, they will be more than capable to solve issues that may arise. Giving students creative freedoms will also allow them to take ownership and pride in their assignments.

One of the methods that I will use in my future classroom will be Readers' Theater. I will use this within my Language Arts lessons to integrate theater. ReadingRockets.org says that Readers' Theater, "promotes fluency, helps readers learn to read aloud with expression, and helps build reading confidence" (Reader's Theater, 2017). I believe that this method will allow my students to have a creative, fun way to develop their reading skills. I think that if all students

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were exposed to this during their elementary years, that we would have more fluent readers in society.

DeLeo says that, “when thinking about arts and mathematics, people frequently view them as two separate domains” (DeLeo, 2002-2003). I believe that this stigma needs to end. Mathematics is a crucial area in which teachers need to integrate the arts. There are so many students that simply are just not wired for math, but are wired for art. If teachers were to tap into the creative side of all of their students, not just the ones that are struggling in math, their students will develop into creative problem solvers that succeed in the world.

In conclusion, arts integration is crucial to any child’s development. It is not only essential for their learning experience but also their development as a citizen. When students are allowed to be creative, they will explore and learn different ideas and opinions of others and this will thus begin to have them be respectful and understanding members of society. Arts integration is not only important for educators, but also for people around the world.

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