

Manifesto for Parents of Child Artists

Believe in the dreams of your child. Strongly support them, so that they can fly higher and further, be stronger and happier.

First Be:

Kind, loving & appreciative ...

Nurture them in love. Let them know how important they are to both you and the world. Tell them you love them.

Supportive ...

Promote any possible opportunity for your child's interest. Be there. Help them draw, paint and color. Show them there is more than one way of doing things.

Attentive ...

Listen to them. Be patient with questions or ideas. Show interest in all their art. Let them know that each one of us has a gift to use fully in life.

Then Give Them:

Resources ...

Give a place, space, time, equipment, tools, paper, pencils, paint, teachers, etc., and they will make it happen. They have a way of making masterpieces when you least expect it.

Encouragement ...

Push them in a positive way to do their best. Don't judge, impose rules or structure, hinder, suffocate, compare, or scold them on how they express themselves. Offer compliments and discuss the positive aspects of different types of artwork and creativity.

Opportunities to ...

Research and learn more about the many forms of art. Expose them to nature and literature. Go to museums, attend festivals and concerts, and tour art galleries. Keep them educated. Provide them with opportunities to be self-expressive and creative.

Finally Let Them:

Be themselves ...

To express their feelings through art in whatever medium they chose.

Do it themselves ...

To make their own choices and draw what they want in their own way.

Use their imagination ...

To create anything. This way their development as people will follow an easier path in this world.

