



FAMILY ENGAGEMENT AND THE ARTS

Para leer en español, haga clic [aquí](#).

The arts are an essential part of a full, well-rounded education for all students. That's why we continue to advocate for arts education, and encourage incorporating the arts into learning both at school and in the home.

Artist Sandrine Pelissier has fun and creative ideas for postcards that you can create with your kids this summer. How fun would it be to make them together and then send them off to family on your summer trips? Check it out at bit.ly/postcardtutorials.

Have fun this summer and incorporate music into your life! Some of our favorite ideas for families are singing while you're driving, using a playlist as a timer to straighten up the house and going to live performances in your community. Check out more ideas at bit.ly/summermusicactivities.

Use your summer to spend some time exploring the Arts Education Data Project to see how your school or district is doing in providing the arts. Use this information when you arrive back to school to help advocate for more classes or access to the arts. Learn more at bit.ly/artseddataproject.



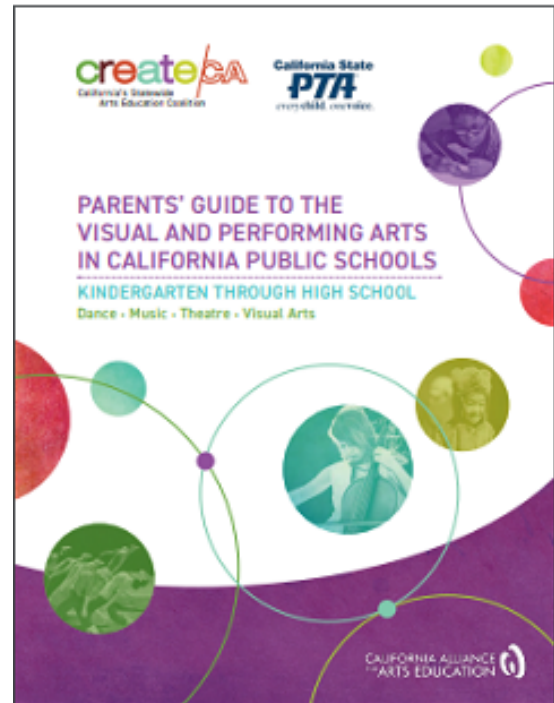
PARENTS' GUIDE TO ART IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

California State PTA, in partnership with Create CA, is pleased to launch the *Parents' Guide to the Visual and Performing Arts in California Public Schools*. This guide provides an overview of what your child will learn in the arts disciplines of dance, music, theatre and the visual arts by the end of each grade level.

By asking about the arts program at your child's school, you are showing your interest in all students, not just the "talented," having the opportunity to express their unique individuality through creating and learning in and through the arts.

The information is grouped into four sections by grade level, and is also available as a full guide.

Download your copy of the *Parents' Guide to the Visual and Performing Arts in California Public Schools* on our website at www.capta.org/arts-education, and be sure to share this information with your school community!



TAKE ACTION

**Regional Leadership
Conferences**

**Arts Education
Resources**



Don't miss these four great training opportunities across the state!

[LEARN MORE](#)

Make Summer Learning Count



Stay engaged with your child's education over summer break

[LEARN MORE](#)



Do you know why arts education is so important to student success?

[LEARN MORE](#)

Check Out the Toolbox



Membership is our strength and our voice. Learn how to increase your PTA's!

[LEARN MORE](#)

This message is being sent to the SMARTS Parents for the Arts network as well as unit, council and district PTA presidents.