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While creating my curriculum web; My Five Senses project there are many activities that help children improve their growth process as Pre-Kindergarten students. Some activities include making their own instrument, bringing a character to life through sock puppet making, going out into the real world and incorporating them into a collage. Not only are there outdoor activities to help children grow but indoor activities as well to help develop motor skills such as gross and fine. If you don't know what that means don't worry, fine motor skills have to do with the movement of the small muscles within a child's body to help improve this you can have children play hand games or even with play-dough or have them pick up small objects and place them in containers to also help improve hand-eye coordination. Gross motor skills are muscles involved with bigger muscles such as arms and legs, to help improve this you can have children through a ball or have them paint under a table laying own so they can stretch their arms.

Making my activity plan I had to think as if I were a child, I have many nieces and nephews which helped me through the process. I asked how they would take music and art together and create one big new project. I also looked back on some of the modules throughout the course, while reading *Music Play Creating Centers for Musical Play and Exploration* by Kristen M. Kempe "Young children engage in music as an expletory activity, one that is interactive, social, creative, and joyful". This quote I completely agree with because children find art making very stress relieving and your able to see their creative side. Art making lets

children show who they are, and emotions are expressed throughout the process. This activity plan of creating your own instrument helps with *My Five Senses* because children are able to use their sense of touch and hearing. The motor skills are also being used when creating their instrument and playing along to a My five-sense version of *Head, Shoulders, Knees, and Toes* provided at the end. This activity helps in developing the child's creative thinking, and musical movement.

This activity of creating your own instrument helps introduce a new learning style because not only are you creating your own instrument and playing along to a new song, but children are able to see the work of others and creation. Pre-K learners will improve their both fine and motor skills throughout this project because they will be participating in dancing moving around their instrument and experiencing sound and touch to get a better understanding of their senses. This gives children the opportunities to experience learning in a whole different way instead of reading books and looking at the board. This helps them interact more and want to participate.

In conclusion creating my curriculum project and activity plan has helped me understand more on how to show different ways of learning in the classroom. Being able to explore my five senses with the help of younger children and you putting yourself in their shoes helps you understand in a whole new level. Making your own instrument opens up the child's curiosity on how putting materials together or putting other materials together can make different sounds. In my opinion I feel like this activity has to do a little bit with math because say a child plans on making a maraca, putting a little bit of beads for example wouldn't create a sound that everyone can hear but if you add more they can notice that the sound of the noise increases and the movement you make creates different sound waves.