



# The Power of the Arts : Teaching Academic Skills to the Non-Traditional Learner through the Arts

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This book provides the theoretical basis for using the arts as a vehicle for academic learning for children who have learning disabilities, ADHD, or other difficulties in school. It explains how these children can benefit from different classroom strategies by discussing characteristics common in children who struggle in school, then it goes on to explore strategies to help these students to overcome their difficulties through the arts. The book also presents techniques for using the arts to assess student ability, measure their progress and increase their self-esteem. It includes practical, how-to guides for activities in ten fields of art, including woodwork, graphic arts, computer arts, architectural design, plaster and painting, film animation, drama, dance, elementary music and secondary music - all written by artists in residence at the Lab School in Washington, USA.

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