



## *Welcome to The Learning Connections (TLC)!*

We, at The Learning Connections, are passionate about advocating the importance of arts education in the lives of young children. We have spent the last decade engaging and empowering pre-school children (2 to 6 years old) through the arts.

We strongly believe that children learn effectively through a variety of activities that engage them kinesthetically, visually, aurally and cognitively. As such, our Children's Drama Club programme utilizes a variety of creative teaching strategies to facilitate and scaffold the learning for children of diverse learning needs and encourage multiple intelligences in the classrooms; creating an authentic space that promotes infinite ways of expressing, exploring and connecting their thoughts, feelings and imaginings.

Throughout the programme, children will be exposed to drama, music and movement, visual arts and storytelling. Our integrated programme will provide numerous opportunities for children to engage in meaningful dialogues with their drama educator(s) and peers to gain an understanding of themselves and the world they live in. They will explore, imagine, create, try new ideas experiment with materials that will help them to learn and develop an in-depth understanding of the ideas/ topics/ issues relevant to today's world.

### **Programme Objectives**

Using the constructivist approach and drama as a critical pedagogy to teaching and learning, we aim to develop children's critical thinking and creative problem-solving skills, helping them to achieve a more humanistic experience in relation to socio-emotional issues and circumstances in their daily lives. Our educational objectives are as follow:

- Engaging children in the process of learning in and through the arts
- Developing children's imagination and creativity
- Fostering critical thinking and creative problem-solving skills
- Exploring and evaluating ideas from different perspectives
- Expressing feelings and interpreting the feelings of others
- Enhancing communication and literacy skills
- Empowering children to be active agents of change

*"Imagination is more important than knowledge. For knowledge is limited to all we now know and understand, while imagination embraces the entire world, and all there ever will be to know and understand."*

*-Albert Einstein-*