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**Theory Into Practice: Implications for Teaching.**

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### Editorial Review

#### From the Publisher

With its clear emphasis on the creative process, the new Second Edition of this innovative text shows future teachers how to tap into their own creativity in order to foster children's creative growth. Grounded in research and theory, coverage supports a constructivist notion of the creative arts and moves students away from prescribed activities and projects in favor of encouraging the creative potential of all children.

#### From the Back Cover

This text conveys the importance of the *process* rather than the *product* of creativity in the arts. It encourages preservice teachers to tap into their own creativity so that they are better equipped to help children find ways to express themselves creatively and therefore develop to their own potential.

Recurring chapter features in this text include encouraging family involvement in the creative arts at home, multicultural art ideas, integrating children's literature in the arts, developmentally appropriate practice, students with special needs, national standards for the four creative arts, and personal and professional development in the arts.

#### Key Additions in This Edition:

- **Methods for Integrating the Creative Arts into Content Areas.** To answer the question, "How do I include the creative arts within a standards-driven curriculum?" new sections in the creative arts chapters support preservice teachers in addressing all of the national content areas standards (language arts, mathematics, science, and social studies) in ways that are appropriate for young children.
- **Lesson Planning.** The chapters on music, dance and movement, visual arts and theatre (drama) present strategies for developing integrated lesson plans.
- **Assessment Suggestions.** Assessment procedures are presented and described to provide concrete ways for children to demonstrate their capabilities authentically.

#### About the Author

Linda Carol Edwards is a professor early childhood at the College of Charleston, Charleston, South Carolina, where she teaches both graduate and undergraduate courses in the visual and performing arts. Her degrees include a BA from Pembroke State University, and an MEd and EdD from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst. Before moving to the college level, she taught kindergarten for 12 years in the public schools of North Carolina.

Dr. Edwards is the author of *The Creative Arts: A Process Approach for Teachers and Children* (Pearson/Merrill), which is now in its fifth edition. She is also a co-author, with Katheleen M. Bayless, Professor Emerita, Late of Kent State University, and Marjorie E. Ramsey, Georgia Southwestern College of *Music and Movement: A Way of Life for the Young Child, sixth edition* (Pearson/Merrill).

She has published in *Young Children*, *Science and Children*, *Journal of Early Education and Family Review*, *Dimensions in Early Childhood*, and the *Kappa Delta Pi Record*. She also serves on the advisory board of *Annual Editions: Early Childhood Education*. In addition, Dr. Edwards's experience has allowed her to create graduate programs in early childhood education that have received NCATE/NAEYC approval. As an advocate for arts education for young children, she takes the opportunity to present at local, state, and

national conferences about the importance of the visual and performing arts in the lives of young children.

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