

#1 Rule Safety First

Goal of Level I Session 10c – Making Even More Connections

Remember, Skills-Fare Level I is primarily concerned with opening up your mind to the concept of learning about many different areas – some of which you may be uncomfortable with, or, at this time, you may not understand why they are so important. For Level I, we do NO homework or taking notes – you are here to listen and immerse yourself in one aspect of receiving information. We discuss basic processes, basic terminology – also known as **specialized jargon, vernacular, or “lexicon”** – and basic associations or connections between ‘supposedly’ different skill sets.

GARDENING

Gardening is associated with multiple Biological properties & activities – lifecycle, seed-germination-growth, the process of adding sunlight called Photosynthesis, and the Chemical process of combining nutrients, Ecological aspects comprising healthy environments with spiders, bees, and ladybugs, and soils with worms, as well as the sometimes unhealthy environment with harmful insects such as grasshoppers, and many other systemic Biology properties.

Gardening is also directly associated with Business aspects – harvesting and distribution form the Logistics properties, displaying at the Farmer's Market comprise Sales and Marketing techniques, purchasing seeds and fertilizers for planting are part of the Supply Chain, etc.

KNITTING

Knitting skills are directly associated with Design, Spatial Reasoning & Dexterity.

Basis items needed for Knitting

- Small Scissors.
- Project Bag(s)
- Books.
- Stitch Markers.
- Small Tape Measure or Ruler.
- **Knitting** Needle Gauge.
- Yarn Gauge Guide.
- Tapestry or Darning Needles.
- Knitting Needles
- Yarn

DRAWING (using Stencils) & ACRYLIC PAINTING

Art is directly associated with Design and Emotional properties.

Art helps break free from personal limitations and improves communication.

Holding a Paintbrush Triggers your Mind to Start Imagining.

Art demands patience – an important self-regulation skill.

Sketching and Painting enhance problem-solving abilities and critical thinking.

Art allows for expression of thought, feeling and experience.

Art is therapeutic: it reduces anxiety and lets your mind relax.

Painting helps improve analytical and critical reasoning skills, as well as spatial reasoning and essay development.

NON-PROFIT BUSINESSES

A **non-profit** business is a tax-exempt **organization** formed for religious, charitable, literary, artistic, scientific, or educational purposes. ... A few well known **non-profit organizations** include Habitat for Humanity, Red Cross, and United Way. The most common type of **non-profit** is designated as a “501(c)3.”

A **for-profit** can raise money from private investors, for which it must give equity or dividends to shareholders; ultimately, a return on investment is expected. A **nonprofit**, on the other hand, can seek donations from individuals, foundations and corporations.

Nonprofits do not pay taxes on their revenue, and how their funds are disbursed and their operations are managed is tightly regulated. A **for-profit** business owner owns all the profits, while the opposite is true for a **nonprofit** business owner.

Private **for-profit** companies are owned by one person, or, a select few individuals.

Public **for-profit** companies are owned by share-holders – shares are distributed in the form of “stocks”, and can be traded on a “stock-market.”

Nonprofits are technically owned by the community, and run by a designated Board Directors.

The term **nonprofit** is often used loosely to describe all kinds of groups that are bound together by a desire to

achieve a mission, rather than to make a profit – however, being a **nonprofit** does not necessarily mean that a profit is not made and distributed to cover expenses and salaries.

A **nonprofit** corporation is an organization that has a mission to serve the public interest and has filed incorporation papers with the state. Because the corporation works for the public good, the **nonprofit** receives exemptions from state and federal taxes that would otherwise have to pay which means that these groups are, to a certain extent, publicly subsidized.

Nonprofits must dedicate themselves to the public interest and govern themselves according to certain rules designed to ensure accountability. Violation of that trust can mean penalties, up-to-and-including removal of the 501(c)3 status.