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## The Art Spark

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The Art Spark, located in El Dorado Hills, is a fine arts studio offering year-round art and computer classes to kids ranging in age from 5 to 18. Youngsters "spark" their creativity when they explore drawing, painting, sculpture, mixed media and computer arts. My very creative and expressive seven-year-old son recently started taking their computer classes where he's been learning how to animate clay creations he has photographed. He just beams with pride when he tells me about his accomplishments.

Owners Paula and Bill Rose believe that the student population growth at public and private schools, combined with the lack of funding, inhibits traditional schools from providing an adequate art curriculum. Art education opens up a whole new way of seeing and interpreting life, and shows children that there is no right or wrong way to approach and create a project. Paula is a "hands-on" owner and is responsible for the accounting and marketing, along with art instruction and curriculum development for summer camps, home schoolers, preschoolers and the after-school program. She shared some insight with me, "We like to say that we are helping to balance both sides of the brain - the creative, artsy right side, and the logical, mathematical, rational side of the left. Our students develop real skills that they can use throughout their future, in all aspects of their lives." Art education increases children's reading readiness, visual perception skills, concentration levels, problem-solving abilities and critical thinking skills.

Their Web site [www.theartspark.com](http://www.theartspark.com) provides in depth information about Art Spark's overall philosophy, classes (available for adults too) and other offerings, such as summer camps and parties. If you are looking for a great extracurricular activity for your child, The Art Spark may be the answer for you. ①

—E.M.

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OUTDOOR PORCH PHOTOS  
APRIL 20 & 21



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