Art Academy

with art educator and artist Katrina Morse

Level: Kindergarten through 5th grade • Virtual or In-School (when possible)

"Imagination is everything. It is the preview of life's coming attractions."

~ Albert Einstein



Program Summary

The Art Academy engages students in looking at, thinking about, and creating art. Each of 3 lessons is based on Visual Art integrated with English Language Arts and Social Emotional Learning.

Sessions are student-centered and promote the Art Academy 4 Cs:

- Curiosity
- Creative problem solving
- Communication skills
- Confidence in student's own ability to learn



Session 1. Art as a Profession

What do professional artists do for work? Starting with a class brainstorming of how art is used in everyday life, Ms. Katrina shares her creative process as a children's book author and illustrator.



Session 2. Art Appreciation

Students participate in a guided conversation while looking closely at one piece of art. Choose an Art Academy Focus to explore one art area: the message of a local mural, the illusion of 3-D in art, how art enhances words in picture books, or choose a focus that relates to a unit of any discipline you are covering and Ms. Katrina will present a piece of related artwork.



Session 3. Art Creation

Students learn step by step how to create a work of art related to the Art Academy Focus they have viewed. Materials for all projects are: white copy paper, sharpened pencil and colored pencils, and eraser.



Students Practice:

- Critical thinking skills
- Listening to others
- Sharing ideas
- Valuing other perspectives



Students Learn:

- New words and ideas
- Visual art techniques
- Creative problem solving
- How visual art is used to communicate

What's Going On in This Picture?

Session #2 guides students to take a close look at one piece of artwork and give observations and opinions about the art.



"Year of Water" mural by Norma Gutierrez



"Thinking Inside the Box" painting by Jane Dennis



Illustration from "It Began with a Song" by Katrina Morse

~ Cost: \$300 for 3 Sessions ~