

Virginia

The Wonder of Trees

Anthony T. Lane Elementary School
7137 Beulah Street, Alexandria, Va. 22315; 703-924-7700; FAX
Submitted By: Libya Doman

This project is a multidisciplinary exploration of the lives of trees. Fourth graders will explore how trees impact human survival and creativity through visual arts, language arts and science. The students will read illustrated books about the life stages of trees as well as biographies about environmentalists/scientists whose research and discoveries emphasize the need to recycle. Throughout the year, the students will collect paper to be recycled. The students will learn about the history and art of printmaking, paper-making and book-making. The students will create their own paper and use this paper for printmaking. Finally, the students' prints will be bound into books.

A Fresh Voice for Kindergarten Students!

Ashlawn Elementary School
5950 8th Road North, Arlington, Va. 22295; 703-228-5270; FAX 703-534-3685
Submitted By: Rebecca Varn Krause, Cynthia Power and Cindy Hicks

A Fresh Voice for Kindergarten Students is a creative and innovative program for students at Ashlawn Elementary School. Poet, Susan Bucci Mockler, will work with the students to develop an interest in and understanding of poetry. She will help them learn about similes and metaphors. Using the paintings of artist, George Rodrigue, as inspiration, Ms. Bucci Mockler will write poems based on the observations and ideas from the students. The poems will be compiled into a book and the students will present their books to their parents at the annual Mother's Day Tea.

Commissioned Work and Composer-in-the-School

Bishop Ireton High School
201 Cambridge Road, Alexandria, Va. 22314; 703-212-5162; FAX 703-212-8173
Submitted By: Randall Eyles

Pulitzer Prize winning composer, Michael Colgrass, will compose a musical work for Bishop Ireton's Wind Ensemble. The 43 students in this group will work with Mr. Colgrass during the composing process. The piece will be performed at a concert at the school in March 2005 before the members of the Wind Ensemble leave for a ten-day concert tour of France.

Who Am I? A Gallery of Faces

Claremont Immersion/Escuela De Inmersión Claremont
4700 South Chesterfield Road, Arlington, Va. 22204; 703-228-2500; FAX 703-228-2502
Submitted By: Faylinda Kodis

Using the National Gallery of Art as inspiration, all students will participate in an exploration of self-portraits. The students will explore the National Gallery's website and examine the works of six artists: Vincent Van Gogh, Paul Gauguin, Judith Leyster, David Alfaro Siqueiros and Andy Warhol. Each grade level will study a specific artist and then create his or her own self-portraits. The self-portraits will be showcased at the school's end of the year arts event, "A Night To Remember."

Blossoming Minds in Manassas Park

Cougar Elementary School

9330 Brandon Street, Manassas Park, Va. 20111; 703-392-1317; FAX 703-392-7204

Submitted By: Jeff Bowers and Virginia Bowerman

Blossoming Minds in Manassas Park is a recreation of the Japanese Cherry Blossom Festival held each year in Washington, DC. Second grade students will participate in this one-day festival. The festival will include hands-on activities such as origami, calligraphy and creating paper windsocks. There will also be live exhibitions of Japanese dancing, swordsmanship and music. The festival will culminate with a tree-planting ceremony and dedication on the lawn of the school.

Community-Wide Drama in the Public Schools

George Mason Elementary School

2601 Cameron Mills Road, Alexandria, Va. 22302; 703-706-4470; FAX 703-683-9011

Submitted By: Carolyn Winters, Marci El-Baba, Rachel Alberts, Janice Olmstead, Keith Perkins, Amy Markham and Karen Epperson

This project is an original musical production called "George Mason Presents...". The entire school: students, teachers and faculty will participate in this project. The play will follow an awards style format and will feature five acts. Each act will focus on a subject taught in school. The students will work with teachers and members of the community to write the play, learn the music and create set pieces for the performance. The performance will take place in June 2005.

Unfolding Screens of Virginia Wildlife

Hayfield Secondary School

7630 Telegraph Road, Alexandria, Va. 22315; 703-947-7400; FAX 703-924-7497

Submitted By: Tom Wagner

Social Studies students at Hayfield Secondary School will study the history of the ancient Asian folding screen. They will then design a plan for the creation of an Asian folding screen. The students will research the plants and animals of the local region in order to create designs for the screens. Wooden doors will be hinged together to create the image of an Asian screen and the students will paint their nature-based designs on the screen.

Picture Our Poems

Hayfield Secondary School

7630 Telegraph Road, Alexandria, Va. 22315; 703-947-7400; FAX 703-924-7497

Submitted By: Phyllis Gron, Joyce Giuliani and Mindy Klein

Picture Our Poems is a program for 30 students in the English for Speakers of Other Language (ESOL) program. The students will begin by reading a variety of poems before writing their own poems. They will then attend a workshop conducted by, Judy Thibault Klevins, a Theatre Arts Consultant. She will teach the students how to use drama to improve their understanding of poetry. They will learn how to create tableaux (striking dramatic scenes or pictures) of a poem they studied in class and then of their own poems. Photos will be taken of these tableaux presentations which along with the student's poems will be published into a class poetry book.

Relationships: Reading, Rhythm and Recitative

John Adams Elementary School

5651 Rayburn Avenue, Alexandria, Va. 22311; 703-824-6970; FAX 703-379-4853

Submitted By: Wesley McCune

Two third grade classes will develop fluency and expression in their reading and writing skills as they take African folk tales and create an opera libretto. They will learn the skill of taking the rhythm of spoken text and adding pitch to create recitatives and arias. The students will write their opera and then they will study the various jobs within an opera company and then produce the opera by taking on the different roles. The students will perform the opera for the school, a local retirement home and at community events.

Arlington Symphony Workshop

Kenmore Middle School

200 South Carlin Springs Road, Arlington, Va. 22204; 703-228-6800;

FAX 703-998-3069

Submitted By: Dana Eckensburg

Through this program, Kenmore Orchestra students will experience a live and up close performance of professional musicians from the local community. Five musicians from the Arlington Symphony will perform and conduct a workshop for the Orchestra students. The Arlington Symphony members will work with students on playing techniques and problems specific to the instruments they play. Working with these professional musicians is intended to provide a motivational tool for students to expand their talents and continue to practice.

The Sounds of Clay

Little Run Elementary School

4511 Olley Lane, Fairfax, Va. 22032; 703-503-3500; FAX 703-503-3597

Submitted By: Michael Corigliano and Susie Martone

The Sounds of Clay is a project for the fifth and sixth graders at Little Run Elementary School. They will be constructing primitive drums. They will start by constructing the drums out of clay using the ancient method of coil building. Animal hides will be prepared and stretched across the drumhead. The students will then compose and record

a series of rhythms. The project is intended to provide an understanding of prehistoric cultures and how they used to the whole of their environment to create functional items. This project will culminate with a student performance for the entire school.

Poetry With Words, Poetry Without Words

Mt. Daniel Elementary School

2328 North Oak Street, Falls Church, Va. 22046; 703-248-5640; FAX 703-248-5642

Submitted By: Mary Anne Graves and Norma Pfaff

This project is a cross-curricular exploration of Mexican iconography and contemporary folk paintings. Kindergarten students will create a book of poetry and illustrations in an accordion-book format. Visiting artist Kathy Walden Kaplan will assist the students with book construction, writing poetry and drawing illustrations. The completed books will be displayed at the school's annual art show in May 2005.

St. Ambrose Catholic School G.R.A.C.E. Art Program

St. Ambrose Catholic School

3901 Woodburn Road, Annandale, Va. 22031; 703-698-7171; FAX 703-698-7170

Submitted By: Susan Andersen

The Greater Reston Art Center (G.R.A.C.E.) is a non-profit visual arts organization. Their Art in Schools program supplements and enriches school children's art experience. Every year, St. Ambrose Catholic School participates in this program. The school selects a specific artist or art style for each month from October through May, then receives visual and textual materials from G.R.A.C.E. that are used for the art classes. The lessons include a short discussion of that month's artist or art style and then the students create an art project. The projects are then displayed at the school.

Performing Arts/Curriculum Integration Project

St. Rita School

3801 Russell Road, Alexandria, Va. 22305; 703-548-1888; FAX 703-519-9389

Submitted By: Rosemary Lynch

The students in grades three through eight at St. Rita School will participate in the production of a family musical. A professional director will be hired to lead the production. Students will audition for the acting and singing parts in the play. While other students will assist parent volunteers with set design, costume creation, staging and production aspects of the performance. The performances of the musical will take place in May 2005.

Early American Crocks

Sunrise Valley Elementary School

10824 Cross School Road, Reston, Va. 20191; 703-715-3800; FAX 703-715-3897

Submitted By: Jennifer Fischer

The goal of the Early American Crocks project is to bring a deeper understanding of the culture and lifestyles of the Virginia Colonial period through the study of the craft of pottery. Visiting artist, Marianne Cordyack, will work with the fourth grade students and teach them about the history of pottery, and the design, decoration and use of early American crocks. The students will then build and decorate their own clay crocks.

Chinese Silk Painting

Sunrise Valley Elementary School

10824 Cross School Road, Reston, Va. 20191; 703-715-3800; FAX 703-715-3897

Submitted By: Pamela Cherry

Chinese Silk Painting is a program for the fifth grade students at Sunrise Valley Elementary School. As part of a unit studying China and the importance of silk, the students will work with visiting artist, Patti Koreski. Ms. Koreski will teach about the role of silk in China's history and the long history of silk painting. The students will then use special dyes to paint a silk scarf.

Stained Glass Artist in Residence

Wakefield High School

4901 South Chesterfield Road, Arlington, Va. 22206; 703-228-6700; FAX 703-575-8832

Submitted By: Wendy Singer

Art students at Wakefield High School will participate in a series of lessons and hands-on workshops led by local stained glass artists, Robyn Sloan and Joe Toole. These artists will teach students about the art history of stained glass, the properties and characteristics of glass and techniques involved in creating stained glass art. Through these workshops, students will create their own small stained glass pieces. After they are familiar with the medium, the students will work collaboratively to create a large stained glass window that will be permanently installed in the school's main office.

Mosaic Mural

Warrenton Middle School

244 Waterloo Street, Warrenton, Va. 20186; 540-347-6160; FAX 540-347-6169

Submitted By: Theodora Henderson

Mosaic Mural is a program for the students in the Art classes at Warrenton Middle School. These students will study the history of mosaic art. The students will then work together to create two cooperative mosaic murals. These murals will be installed in the main lobby of the school. The students will also have the opportunity to create their own individual glass/tile mosaics.

Meet Your Local Art Community

Whitman Middle School

2500 Parkers Lane, Alexandria, Va. 22306; 703-660-2400; 703-660-2497

Submitted By: Ellen Rosenthal

Eighth grade students in the Intermediate Art classes will visit the Torpedo Factory Art Center in Alexandria. The students will be able to see artists at work in the studios, observe artwork by local artists and learn about the Art League of Virginia's educational opportunities. As a final project the students will produce a Power Point presentation to be shown in the school library. This presentation will inform others in the school about this community art resource.

Learning About Ancient Egypt Through Music

Yorkshire Elementary School

7610 Old Centreville Road, Manassas, Va. 20111; 703-361-3124; FAX 703-361-6184

Submitted By: Susan Black

Students in the second grade at Yorkshire Elementary School will learn about Ancient Egypt through music. The students will perform in a musical that will include narration and song. The goal of this program is for students to develop an understanding of Ancient Egypt. The students will learn about King Tut, Pharaohs, mummies, temples, tombs and pyramids. The musical will be performed for the entire school.