



Resurrection Catholic Primary School Wednesday Word April 14, 2021

"Art allows us to examine what it means to be human, to voice and express, and to bring people and ideas together."

Dear Families ~



Art is an integral part of learning at RCPS and we pride ourselves in giving all children rich, process-oriented art experiences. As a form of self-expression and creativity, process art allows children to explore, discover and grow confident in who they are.



Arts education is an important component of any child's development because it teaches teamwork, analytic, and creative skills. Art can also help children work out any frustrations in their lives by offering a healthy, expressive medium. In addition, exposure to art and the chance to develop their own art provides children with a more diversified experience that can help them in the classroom as well, allowing them for more opportunities for an enhanced learning experiences.



In the classroom art education is a crucial component for a child's personal development. Several studies have concluded that art education is very important at a young age, because children are still developing their critical thinking and problem solving skills. Students also have the opportunity to fine-tune their motor skills through art. The cognitive processes involved in learning to draw accurately, choose the right colors and shapes, and create detailed work help children develop the motor skills associated with these tasks.

Studies have also shown that there is a direct correlation between arts education at a young age and academic achievement later in life. It is much easier for children to learn about the arts and integrate their studies into their daily lives than it is for adults. This is because of the way the brain develops. The child's brain is able to absorb more



material and adjust accordingly than the adult brain, which is less dynamic and less able to accommodate for new information. As a result, children who studied arts at a young age achieve more academic success later in life than those who did not.



We know that play is an activity in which means are more valued than ends. Play is invaluable in developing self-regulation as well as promoting language, cognition and social competence. All of these areas of development are critical and, as with most skills in the early years, best learned through play. This is why having varied and abundant opportunities to explore and "play" with art materials is vital to child development.



In her book, *Art: It's the Process not the Product*, MaryAnn Kohn wrote, "Young children 'do' art for the experience, the exploration, the experimentation. In the 'process' they discover mystery, creativity, joy and frustration. The resulting masterpiece, whether it be a glob of paint or meritorious gallery piece, is only a result to the young child, not the reason for doing art in the first place."



With art, the goal is the experience. Oftentimes, our children create something with loose parts or recycled materials that they intend to keep. But often, they work for a period of time and then walk away. It is the experience that counts, the creative and critical thinking. Giving children these opportunities to be "makers" and creators allows for joy, engagement and plenty of problem-solving.

We feel blessed to have a school filled with wonderfully creative children who are learning to take risks, create and express themselves through the arts!

Blessings, Tresa & Staff

SPRING CONFERENCES

Spring conferences can be scheduled with your child's teacher this month upon parent request. Please speak with the teachers if you have

questions or concerns. It is a nice opportunity to check in, discuss growth, and where you can continue to support your child moving forward.

Donations



If you are spring cleaning around your house, please keep us in mind!

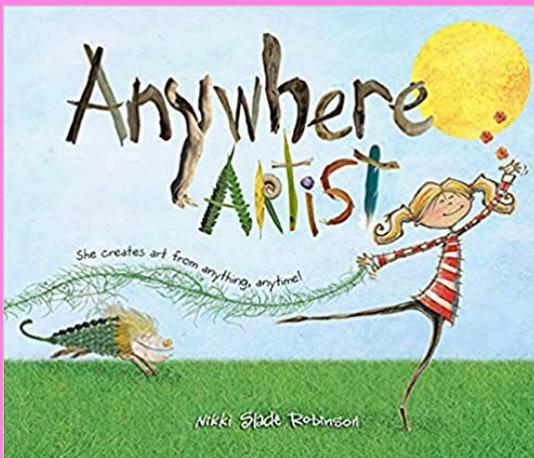
We can always use lamps, soft seating, shelves and books.

If you would like to donate, we are working on building our chapter book library. Amazon and Costco have sets that the kids love, such as:

Cam Jansen
Magic Treehouse
Nancy Drew Diaries
Junie B Jones
Hardy Boys
Judy Moody
Nate the Great
Ivy & Bean
Meet Yasmin

Thank you!

Books About the Arts for Children



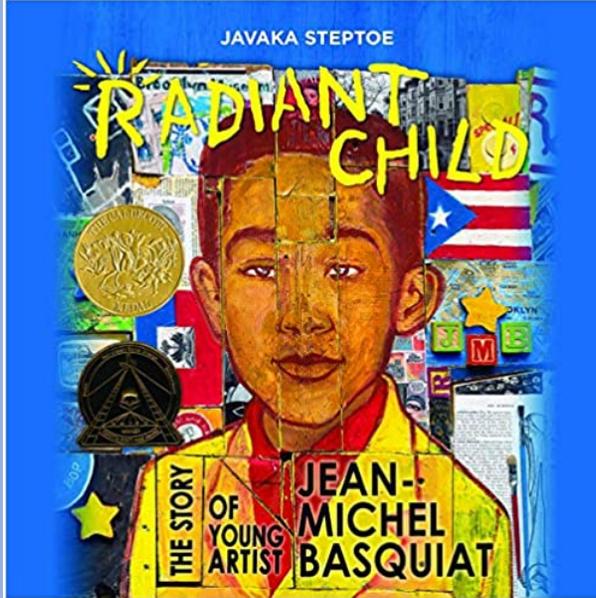
Anywhere Artist **Nikki Slade Robinson**

"I don't need paint or paper. I can make art anywhere. My imagination is all I need."

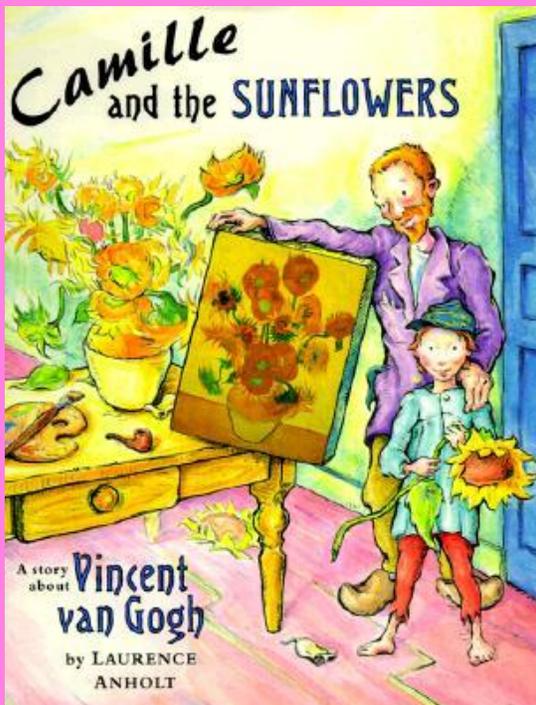
In spare, delightful text and illustrations, an exuberant artist makes art from found objects and the world around her. This sprightly picture book celebrates creativity and will inspire readers to find art all around them, unleash their imaginations, and make their own artistic creations.

Radiant Child **Javaka Steptoe**

Jean-Michel Basquiat and his unique,



collage-style paintings rocketed to fame in the 1980s as a cultural phenomenon unlike anything the art world had ever seen. But before that, he was a little boy who saw art everywhere: in poetry books and museums, in games and in the words that we speak, and in the pulsing energy of New York City. Now, award-winning illustrator Javaka Steptoe's vivid text and bold artwork echoing Basquiat's own introduce young readers to the powerful message that art doesn't always have to be neat or clean--and definitely not inside the lines--to be beautiful.



Camille and the Sunflowers Laurence Anholt

"Where Camille lived, the sunflowers grew so high they looked like real suns. . . One day a strange man arrived in Camille's town. He had a straw hat and a yellow beard." So begins this fascinating tale of Camille, a little boy who is the son of a small-town postman. Camille meets the man with the yellow beard, and they become friends. This bearded man is a painter named Vincent van Gogh. The story, based on a true-life incident, is beautifully illustrated in full color by the author. This unusual picture storybook will appeal to children who love art, and also to children who simply enjoy a good story.

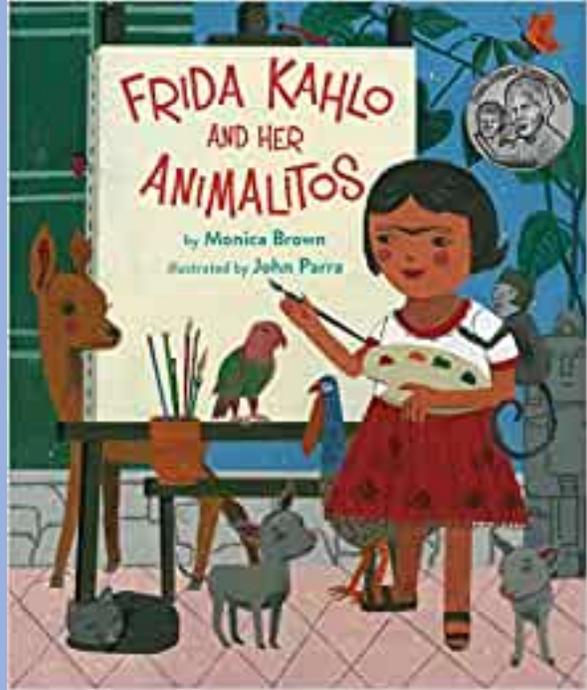
Frida Kahlo and her Animalitos Monica Brown

Frida Kahlo and Her Animalitos, written by Monica Brown and illustrated by John Parra, is based on the life of one of the world's most influential painters, Frida Kahlo, and the animals that inspired her art and life.

The fascinating Mexican artist Frida Kahlo is remembered for her self-portraits, her dramatic works featuring bold and vibrant colors. Her work brought attention to Mexican and indigenous culture and she is also renowned for her works celebrating the female form.

Brown's story recounts Frida's beloved pets—two monkeys, a parrot, three dogs, two

turkeys, an eagle, a black cat, and a fawn—and playfully considers how Frida embodied many wonderful characteristics of each animal.



PHOTOS FROM OUR WEEK







Uniforms for 2021-2022



Our school has officially joined the Archdiocese of Portland and received a letter from Archbishop Sample reading, in part:

"Your commitment to serve the students of the Resurrection Parish community is commendable. Since Catholic schools are an integral part of the Church's efforts to make God known, loved and served, your leadership in providing Catholic education is important to the local church."

There will be more news and information to come, but here is a sneak peek at our uniform plaid. Dennis Uniforms is still working on digitizing our new logo, but we will provide you a link with purchase options soon.

School Calendar

May

3 - 7 Teacher Appreciation Week
3 May Crowning
9 Mother's Day
28. Tuition contracts due

June

16 Last Day of School - 1/2 day for all
1:00 Dismissal
End of Year Celebrations TBD



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