

Using Purposeful Arts Integration to Increase Student Engagement

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Integrating the Arts Digitally

Apps and Websites:

MoMA Art Lab-Variety of activities to get students thinking about art using famous artwork as inspiration. Also, has a drawing/shape component so students could illustrate writing. Some of the activities have tie-ins to writing and literacy (composition and poetry)

Stop Motion- Make simple or complex animations. Can be used to animate step-by-step processes. Can also create simple animated drawings or sculptures. Can upload pictures and images as well. Easy to use and edit.

Spark Page- Create simple, interesting web pages with no coding. Could be used for used for presenting a variety of information.

Spark Video- Create simple videos using images or pre-recorded videos. Can add themes, music and voiceover. Could be used for presenting a variety of information.

NGA Kids- National Gallery of Art app. Lots of great artwork that could be integrated into lessons. Simple interactive games.

Picasso Head (www.picassohead.com) Fun website that allows you to build your own Picasso Head. Can use Picasso's art to talk about size, proportion, shape, and line. Can also discuss balance, composition, and theme related to literacy.

Deep Space Sparkle (www.deepspacesparkle.com) Fantastic Art Lessons. Allows you to sort by medium, theme, grade level etc.

Art Supply websites such as Blick, Triarco, and Sax always have great lessons that relate to other content areas.

Collaborating with Art Educators

-Give plenty of notice and be mindful of projects they already have going on.

-Meet ahead of time

-Look at art standards. Curriculum guides are awesome if you can get copies. All standards can also be found online at the NC DPI website.

-Have a vision and don't be afraid to think outside the box.

Visual Art Processes and Using Messy Materials

- Collage (newspaper, collage, magazine, scrap paper, recyclables etc)
- Drawing
- Weaving
- Sculpture (clay, wire, recycled materials, paper-folding/origami etc)
- Mixed Media
- Painting
- Printmaking

-Preparation! Always have materials ready for students.

-Prepare your classroom. Use cheap plastic table clothes or large paper to cover table tops if you're concerned with big messes

-Baby wipes are great for cleaning messy hands without having to send every child to the bathroom.

-Sponges and water in a spray bottle clean up most art supplies. No need for harsh chemicals.

-Make sure all your art materials are WASHABLE!

-Experiment before you try it with the students.

-It's not the eco-friendly option but paper plates as paint palettes make for super easy clean up. Plastic food containers are also great for a variety of art supplies and can be recycled after use.

Integrating Other Arts Areas: Drama, Dance, Music

-Students can read plays or act out parts of a passage or story.

-Movie making teams: students work in groups to produce a movie about a topic or story they've read. Each team could be responsible for set, costumes, cast/characters, filming, and editing.

-Music can be brought into lessons in a variety of ways. Music is great for any multi-cultural lessons. Music and math have a variety of connections, including counting rhythm, and pattern. Music and science connections include vibrations and how sound moves.

-Dance and movement of any variety is beneficial to elementary students. Anything where they can be up and moving is great. Just be sure to set the rules and boundaries.