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Arts in the Curriculum

All Districts

Residencies offered:**Bringing Art into the Lessons**

Enhancing subjects through an artistic experience is the focus of my residency. My intention through this residency is to weave arts such as painting, drawing, and modeling into classroom lessons. Children will discover the wonder of color and movement through wet on wet watercolor. Practice form drawing, which is creating patterns of straight and curved line in order to strengthen handwriting and encourage an understanding of geometric form. Drawing with beeswax crayon, graphite, chalk, and colored pencil and modeling with beeswax and clay.

Storytelling/Puppetry

Helping to inspire the imagination, thinking, and artistic work of children is the focus of my residency. Storytelling, puppetry of all kinds, songs, poems, and movement rhymes engage students in a holistic and creative approach to learning. Stories can evolve into a easy puppet project and play or can be expanded through a drawing /painting activity. The children will have the opportunity to create puppets and develop a lively puppet play. Puppet projects can range from rod, shadow, table puppets, finger puppets, and marionettes, dependent on the ages and interests of the students. A copy of the songs and stories woven into the residency will be provided for teacher use. Preferred Grade level: kindergarten- grade 3

Supplies, Equipment, Space, and Time Considerations:

I will provide most of the art materials needed and request reimbursement of art supplies used such as paper, paints and used drawing materials. In order to give this residency a solid experience for the children, it is beneficial to put the work they do into a folder or portfolio. Space requirements are a classroom where spills may occur or protective plastic over the carpet. In the younger grades, the children will paint rather quickly; I offer a color story before they begin which stretches the lesson. Since I come from the north county, I prefer to fill the day with classes during my visit.

Teaching Experience:

1994-1999	Volunteered as weekly art teacher at Tonasket Elementary School
2004	Artist In Residence, Methow Valley Elementary, Pateros Elementary School, Virginia Grainger Elementary School, grades 1-2, Hand Puppets
2004-2006	Founder/ Director/ teacher – Marigold Pre School
2003	Artist In Residence, N. Omak Elementary School, Kindergarten, puppets
2000-2003	Tonasket Elementary School, after school program, art
2003-2004	Confluence gallery, Twisp, Puppet workshops

Artist's Statement:

I feel that the world and the people living on the earth benefit from the mission of the arts. Beauty, respect, and reverence are some of the qualities the arts can bring to light. Art provides outlets for expression and understanding.

