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Our passion is to teach kids through art while learning about history, science, creative writing and/or creative thinking. Our approach is for each ECM experience to be unique. We combine our ability to create art with our exciting and engaging personalities and it has proven to be an incredible combination. Our preference is to meet with the grade level, talk about the curriculum chosen and then we offer a new and innovative art based approach. After our meeting, we give a "mini pre-research" assignment to the students (teacher approved) so that when we arrive we can hit the ground running and not take any time away from the art schedule.

## Projects in the past include:

**Wire Sculptures-** This is a 3 day art class where students have researched the animal or insect prior. Details include anatomy, exterior and environment. The creature is created with wire, wrapped in papier-mâché and painted while also including the environmental details. Many teachers incorporate this assignment with an ELA writing piece.

**Hand Built- Pottery and Ceramic Scenes** Hand built pottery has many elements for education. From a science lesson it can be an experiment using different clay and "slips" to make things hold together. With ELA, it tells a story that can explore social studies and history lessons. This is a 2 day project that is delivered on a 3rd day.

**Story Stones-** Story Stones have different designs, words and images that when put together create a story. The stones can be created prior and/or on site. Students will create a story based on the designs and stones chosen. This can also be created specifically for a science or social studies curriculum.

**Paint-** When using paint and different mediums, the sky truly is the limit on the lesson plan whether teaching a story, a history lesson or experiments with science.

**Mixed Media -** We have been working with different mediums that differ in every category- from stairwell spindles, wood sheets to metal. Mixed media is great for Story Boards to share many experiences from historical fiction to real life science. We soar at creating unique experiences for students that best fit the grade level needs.







