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“World’s Smallest Children’s Art Gallery”

Prairie Trace Elementary is the featured Carmel-Clay Elementary School for the month of March. Catherine Ingram, the Art teacher for Prairie Trace Elementary, selected five well-known artists for her students to study. These artists, Georgia O’Keeffe, Henri Matisse, Romero Britto, Kimmy Cantrell and Andy Warhol, were known for their use of color and expression.

“The Color of an Artist”

Kindergarten – These students studied the art of Georgia O’Keeffe and how she painted flowers on a large scale in bright and bold colors.

First Grade – Students studied “post-impressionist” Henri Matisse’s “*The Goldfish*”. They studied Matisse’s use of bright color and how his art filled the page.

Second Grade – This class studied the work of American Pop artist Romero Britto. By focusing on Britto’s use of bright, bold patterns they created a variety of work including “pop” art words and animals.

Third Grade – Students in the 3rd grade used contemporary artist Kimmy Cantrell for their inspiration as they looked at Cantrell’s clay face sculptures and observed how Cantrell showed emotion in the sculptures.

Fourth Grade – The 4th grade students looked at American pop artist Andy Warhol. They discovered how he created portraits of celebrities in a fun and colorful way. After doing some research about a “famous leader in history” these students created a “Warhol-inspired portrait” of this leader.

Fifth Grade – This class also studied the art of Henri Matisse. They learned about Matisse’s “Fauvism” stage and his use of bright colors during this time. From this lesson they created their “self-portraits”.

About Prairie Trace Elementary's Art Teacher – Catherine Ingram

Catherine Ingram feels very blessed to be the Art teacher at Prairie Trace Elementary because she feels that it is a great school filled with wonderful students, staff and family.

Catherine tells us that “Art has always been one of my passions and I have grown up drawing and painting. My favorite part about art is the power of COLOR! Color can say so much about our emotions, our confidence and our creativity. I like to teach a big lesson on color each year to show students the wide variety of things they can do with color. From showing emotions, to creating a shaded realistic painting and even to adding a POP of fun to something very simple, I want my students to understand the power of color.”

The Gallery Annex Exhibits

- **Carmel High School Art:** This new exhibit will make its debut in March and will feature student art selected by the Art Department of Carmel High School.
- **Carmel-Clay Middle School:** The Art teachers from the Carmel-Clay Middle Schools have selected student art for display in the gallery. This new exhibit will make its debut in March.
- **“Red Poppy” by Jamilyah Williams:** Jamilyah William’s “Red Poppy” was selected in a state-wide art contest, sponsored by the Indianapolis Museum of Art, in preparation for the Georgia O’Keeffe art exhibit. A panel of judges chose four pieces of art in three categories to be part of an exhibit called **“Inspired by Georgia O’Keeffe”**. This exhibit was featured alongside the Georgia O’Keeffe show at the IMA for the duration of that show. Jamilyah was a first grade student at Carmel Elementary. She has given her permission to show her art for the month on March in the CAC’s Children’s Art Gallery.

March Dates

- **Open House** – The Carmel Arts Council’s Children’s Art Gallery will host an Open House for Prairie Trace Elementary Sunday, March 1, 2015 from 2pm until 4pm. The Carmel Arts Council welcomes all visitors to view the art in our galleries at this time.
- **March Hours for the Carmel Arts Councils Children’s Art Gallery** – The gallery will be open every Friday, Saturday and Sunday from 2pm until 4pm. We will also be open for the Arts and Design District’s Gallery Walk on Saturday, March 14 from 5pm until 9pm.