

# The Creative Pioneer

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## Summer Camp Ideas

It's that time of year to start planning for the summer! Summer camps are starting to post online if they have not already. Here are a couple of ideas for art camps and connections to other areas of interest.

- **Mark Kislter Art Camp: June 4-7** <https://markkistler.com/art-camps/fort-wayne-indiana/>  
Mr. Kistler will be at every class! Held at the Museum of Art.
- **University of Saint Francis: Art in the Morning or Saturday Art School:** <https://art.sf.edu/community-programs/>. This is similar to the former Artlink program. Saint Francis has taken this over. It is still a wonderful program!
- **Take Personal Art Classes at Pancer's Art School:** <http://www.pancnersart.com/>
- **IPFW Summer Youth Camps:** IPFW offers a variety of summer camps ranging from the visual arts to the art of writing. Here is a link to all the camps they have to offer: <http://www.ipfw.edu/summercamps/>.
- **FAME Summer Arts Camp:** Children ages 8-14, YMCA Camp Potawatomi. For a registration form and more information, please visit [www.FameArts.org](http://www.FameArts.org). This is a great camp with many opportunities with all the arts. This camp offers financial assistance.

As always, the Fort Wayne Museum of Art is a great place to just visit and admission is free on Thursdays from 5pm-8pm and on Sundays from 12pm-5pm. Artlink is another great gallery to visit and it is located right across the street from the FWMoA. It is located in the Auer Center for Arts and Culture which also houses the Fort Wayne Ballet. Along with their summer camp through St. Francis, Artlink also offers mini camps for kids throughout the school year. Check out their website at <http://www.artlinkfw.com>.

## FAME

**FAME was this weekend!** We had a great show! We had 4 students receive the Mayor's Choice Award. They were **Sara Poiry** (8<sup>th</sup>), **Tarissa Glatt** (8<sup>th</sup>), **Emily Hile** (8<sup>th</sup>), and **Preston Ross** (7<sup>th</sup>). We also had 2 students receive the Teacher's Choice Award. They were Charlotte Verslype (Kindergarten) and Leah Beier (5<sup>th</sup>). The Mayor's Choice students will be recognized at a banquet with the Mayer and artwork on display at the Citizen Square April 12-May 10. Teachers Choice will have their work on display at Saint Francis through June and then First Presbyterian through the summer. Congratulations to all of our students on their fantastic work!

Our Show Choir and Band also had a wonderful show! We are so proud of all of you!

## Inside the Kindergarten Classroom

This month we talked about the first artwork known to exist (cave art). We viewed pictures of cave paintings that are thought to have been made 17,000 years ago by 4 children and their dog in the Lascaux caves in France. We then talked briefly about the difference between abstraction and realism. For this project, we created our own abstraction out of chalk and white paint on black construction paper. We finally wrapped up the month looking Aboriginal Dot Art. We talked about where Australia is located on the map and who the Aboriginal people were. We created our own aboriginal dot art. I will now not see the Kindergarten again until after Spring Break. Keep them sketching!

## First Grade Happenings

The first graders just finished up their lessons on motion in art. We first discussed story boards for an animation piece. We created our own story boards and in the process talked about writing a story. We talked about how you can write, "First this happened...., then this happened,...finally this happened....". Our second project involving motion was a sculpture. We talked about how three dimensional art works can show motion. We used foil for this project. Come and see our sculptures in motion down in the cafeteria.

The first graders have now move onto a lesson on warm and cool colors. We are going to glue warm color tissue paper on top for a beautiful sun set and cool color tissue paper on bottom for the water. Incorporated with this lesson we are going to talk about silhouettes.

## Fourth Grade Forum

We completed our quilting projects. They look wonderful! Come and see them hanging in our atrium.

Our Navajo Weavings have just begun. We will be spending the next few weeks on this project. Please look for it to come home so the students may keep up with this project. It is a project of patience and perseverance. The students must pay attention to their rows in order to get it right. They all are very capable of being very successful with this project as long as they are trying their very best. Thus far, they have caught on pretty quickly! I know they will do great!

We only have about 10 classes left for this school year. We will be doing a relief drywall carving this school year as well. Because of the limited amount of classes, we will be moving pretty quick on the weavings.

## Second Grade Fun!

Upon finishing our Fon Story Quilt lesson, our discussions moved on to that of Michelangelo's work and subject matter. We discussed how many of Michelangelo's works depicted images from the Bible, especially those on the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel and how that work took 4 years to paint. This was a long time for someone who did not like to paint. We were also able to take a virtual tour of the Sistine Chapel. We also talked about the Conclave and what that means to us as Catholics. We had a fascinating conversation. Many of the students want to watch the white smoke on YouTube! Students picked a story from the Bible to tell in their work. Then we replicated Michelangelo's work by taping the paper to the bottom of the tables so the students got to experience what Michelangelo experienced.

Our next lesson will be all about the art of origami. We will do several different types of folds over 3 art classes. We have already learned how to fold paper boats. You may see these pop up around your house.

## Third Grade Circus

This month we wrapped up our Alexander Calder circus. Calder is who introduced us to our mobiles. Overall, those were fantastic! Keep up the great work! We are moving really fast in the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade this year. We have started our didgeridoos. This was perfect timing because the FAME visiting artist came to our school this year and he played an actual didgeridoo for the students to hear. What a great experience for them!



## Seventh Grade Selections



### Featuring Fifth Grade

We have completed our dream bedrooms. They look really good. 1pt perspective is really hard. It is hard to remember that all lines that are drawn are either to the vanishing point, horizontal, or vertical. Look for these to be on display soon!

We have started our project on Tessellation. This project is another difficult concept to grasp. We are going to work slowly and together until we all have mastered the idea.

We will also study the work of M.C. Escher.

### Sixth Grade Skills

We are just finishing up working on our Molas. The students did a nice job with this.

Our next project will be a cloth collage. It is like painting, only with cloth. Students will have to consider cloth pattern along with layering to get the image they desire. They will watch an experienced fabric artists demonstrate how she considers fabric textures and colors to create her piece. They will then create their own fabric collage.

The Seventh Grade wrapped up their cityscapes using 2 point perspective. There were several requirements for this project. The number one priority was to use a ruler and the vanishing points. The second was to make sure it was a (big) city and not a town. They needed to fill the paper with buildings. The buildings also needed to have windows and doors (if you could see the ground level of that specific building). Finally extras like sidewalks, lights, trees, parks, canals, etc. should be attempted and added.

Our next project is going to be a project focused on the works of Hieronymous Bosch. He was an early Netherlandish painter whose work was known for its fantastic imagery, detailed landscapes and illustrations of moral and religious concepts and narratives. It is widely thought that Salvador Dali introduced the world to surrealism, however, Bosch was painting this way all the way back in the 14<sup>th</sup> century! For the project, students are going to create a self-portrait, which will be surrounded by a “vase face.” The vase face is going to represent good choices and bad choices speaking to them. They will use oil pastel blending as their medium.

### Eighth Grade Masters

We are currently in the middle of our final large project that we are going to work on, a painting. First we did a review of color theory. We also did a color study for this project so we can understand how acrylics work. The students will only get the primary colors plus white and black and this year I added green to create their paintings. They will have to know how to make all the other colors! As a side note, acrylic paints can stain. We do have aprons and I will tell the students to wear them, but I cannot force them on them. If you would like to keep your student's clothing protected, please keep reminding them to wear an apron and be careful with the paint.

For their final piece, they get to paint using a picture that is in color of their choice. It can be of whatever they would like!

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**Schedule**

**Monday:**  
6B: 7:50-8:35  
6A: 8:35-9:20  
8A: 11:35-12:20  
8B: 12:20-1:05  
3A: 1:30-2:15  
3B: 2:15-3:00

**Tuesday:**  
1A: 8:10-8:55  
1B: 8:55-9:40  
7B: 10:00-10:30  
7A: 10:30-11:00  
2B: 1:15-2:00  
2A: 2:00-2:45

**Wednesday:**  
6B: 7:50-8:35  
6A: 8:35-9:20  
8A: 11:35-12:20  
8B: 12:20-1:05  
5B: 1:10-1:55  
5A: 1:55-2:40

**Thursday:**  
7B: 9:30-10:15  
7A: 10:15-11:00  
4A: 12:00-12:45  
4B: 12:45-1:30  
HOUSE: 2:05-2:50

**Friday:**  
KB: 8:10-8:50  
Mass: 9:00-10:00  
KA: 10:15-10:55  
KC: 12:35-1:15  
5A: 1:25-2:10  
5B: 2:10-2:55

## Spring Cleaning?

In the K-8 art room we are always looking for materials for our projects. If you have any of the following materials and would like to donate them to the art room, please let me know. I really appreciate all of the donations! The hairdryers that have come in have been amazing! Thank you!

**Yarn**   **Fabric** (especially blues and greens)   **Batting**   **Newspapers**   **Paper Towel Rolls**   **Clorox wipes**   **Pencils**   **Large Cardboard Pieces**  
**Paper Towels**

## Electronic Art Museum and Artsonia

Don't forget to check out the artwork your student has been doing this year on Artsonia. You can leave your student comments and share with family members so they can see the wonderful work your student has been doing! Our school is currently ranked 34 in the state of Indiana for participation! This is a great way to share your child's artwork with those loved ones who are out of town!

## FINE ARTS NIGHT!

We will be holding our third annual Fine Arts Festival this year on Thursday, April 20 from 6:30pm-8pm Each child, pre-k through 8<sup>th</sup> grade student will have a piece of artwork on display. Come and view all of our art work! Every student will have at least one piece of art on display. We have done a lot this year. We are blessed with quite the talent here at Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic School.

This night you will also get to enjoy live entertainment for all the talented students that we have here at Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic School. If your student is interested in showing off their talent that night, please have them sign up for one of the preview nights on the office door. Finally, Mrs. Lehman is adding poetry readings to this night. Please look for more information on this as well. Mark your calendars to come and enjoy this wonderful evening.

