Embracing Change With Choice  
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TAB: Teaching For Artistic Behavior

Year at a Glance  
August/September

Element Focus: Line  
Theme: All About Me  
Art/Artists To Show: Piet Mondrian and Leonardo Drew  
K & 1 Center Ideas- 1) Connect-Playdough-Make different types of lines using play dough, Blocks-Build lines, dry erase line drawing 2) Create- experiment with various drawing media, create a line page for an elements of art book, create a self portrait 3) Learn- books, art games, art cards, smart board games/puzzles  
2nd-5th Activities- Create sketchbook, Create art using lines or theme, critique, group sharing, and research artists.

October

Element Focus: Shape  
Theme: What's Your Story  
Art/Artists to Show: Pablo Picasso and Kara Walker  
K & 1 Center Ideas- 1) Connect-Shape sorting, shape building, shape identification 2) Create-Explore cutting and tearing paper to create shape collage, experiment with various media to make shapes 3) Learn- books, puzzles, games  
2nd-5th Activities- Draw geometric and free form shapes in sketchbook, create art based on shape and/or theme, research artists that use shape (Henri Matisse, Romere Bearden), Critique, group sharing, Compare and Contrast art with shapes and/or symbols.

November

Element Focus: Color  
Theme: Environment - Nature  
Art/Artists To Show: Earth Work Artists-Tony Plant, Robert Smithson, Christo and Jeanne-Claude  
K & 1 Center Ideas – 1) Connect- Identify and mix primary colors to see how secondary colors are made 2) Create - Experiment with color mixing and painting techniques 3) Learn- books, puzzles, games  
2nd-5th Activities – Create their own color wheel in their sketchbooks for reference; explore crosshatching technique with different color sets (Primary + Primary to see a secondary, Primary + Secondary to see a Tertiary, etc); explore warm and cool colors in the environment; create art based on environment; research artists, create art based on theme, Critique, Group Sharing.

December

Element Focus: Value  
Theme: Natural and Manmade – Environment cont.  
Art/Artists To Show: Gehry, Jesus Torres Garcia, Picasso (blue Phase), Kathe Kolwitz  
2nd-5th Activities- Create Value Scale in Sketchbook, Research artist that use value, Pen Nibs and Ink, Charcoal, Printmaking, Critique, Create art from theme.

January

Element Focus: Form  
Theme: Fantasy and Reality  
Art/Artist to Show: Surrealist Artists, Salvador Dali, Vladimir Kush  
K & 1 Center Ideas- Play dough center creating forms, blocks, connect shapes, sculpture center, model magic.  
2nd-5th Activities- Create observational drawings from forms create art using fantasy and reality and/or forms, clay center, sculpture center, research 3D artists, critique 3 dimensional arts, create a group project installation art.

February
Element Focus: Space
Theme: Habitat
Art/Astists to Show: Frank Lloyd Wright, Easter Island Heads, M.C. Escher, Ansel Adams, Patrick Dougherty
K&1 Center Ideas- 1) Connect – Elmo near/far video, Space Page for elements book, Size sorting 2) Create – animals in environment, iPad – photo day, rock painting 3) Animal-habitat matching game, big to small game,
2nd-5th Activities- Space diagram in sketchbook, iPad for pictures, Create observational drawings of hallways and of playground/walking trail, critique, architecture app on iPads, collaboratively design a school and/or playground

March
Element Focus: Texture
Theme: Cultures
Art/Astists to Show: Hokusai, Mary Cassatt, Giuseppe Arcimboldo, Jodi Colella
2nd-5th Activities- Connect with texture rubbings in sketchbook from templates and found objects, Collograph and Gelli Plate Printmaking, Critique, experiment with new materials, Create Nature weavings, Sewing, Texture collages.

April
Element Focus: Texture Continued
Theme: Cultures
Art/Astist to show: Alberto Giacometti, Gustav Klimt, Roy Lichtenstein
K&1 Center Ideas- 1) Connect – Texture bags, describe to your partner what you feel; texture board, describe what you could use these textures for with your partner 2) Create – texture collage, drawing texture using different types of lines and shapes, create animal textures using different types of lines
2nd-5th Activities- Explore artists who use texture, fiber arts etc. Sketch different textures using different types of shapes and lines; brainstorm by creating thumbnail (prep) sketches in your sketchbook on how you will incorporate texture into your project; create an artwork influenced by your culture or a culture you are familiar with.

May
Element Focus: Review All Elements
Theme: Emotions & Personal Artistic Style
Art/Astists to show: Wassily Kandinsky, Jackson Pollock, Georgia O’Keefe
K&1 Center Ideas- 1) Connect- Pair/Share discuss what their favorite element or artist was for the year and why? 2) Create- Create an artwork that highlights your favorite element and style you’ve learned this year 3) Learn – puzzles, games, books
2nd-5th Activities- Create sketches in your sketchbook that highlight your favorite element, theme or inspiration from your favorite artist; create a final artwork that you feel best shows/describes the artistic style you’ve developed this year; write a summative artist statement to describe how your artwork shows your growth this year (and perhaps, how all the choices helped you arrive to the style you’re at now); Critique, Group Sharing.

Helpful Tab Resources
Books: Engaging Learners Through Artmaking: Choice-Based Art Education in the Classroom, By: Katherine M. Douglas and Diane B. Jaquith
Choice Without Chaos, By Anne Bedrick
The Learner Directed Classroom: Developing Creative thinking Skills Through Art, By: Diane B. Jaquith and Nan E. Hathaway
Studio Thinking: The Real Benefits Of Visual Arts Education, By: Louis Hetland, Ellen Winner, Shirley Veenema, and Kimberly M. Sheridan

Facebook Groups: Midwest TAB-Choice Art Teachers, Teachers Choosing TAB in the Art Room, Choice-Art Educators, TAB for urban and low income populations, TAB Room Design, Assessment and Accountability in TAB-Choice

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