

In the Classroom: Session One • Ages 13+

Tuesday

ELA with Ms. Adrienne

Topics Covered: students have been introduced to a wide variety of writing prompts to complete in class and then add to their art journal, how to use a planner, what is an art journal, how to create a presentation

Story Hour Books: *The Story Behind the Stories*, *The World According to Blob*

Projects Completed: art journals, planner cover art, author appreciation presentations

Educator Note: students had a great time creating their own writing prompt for their peers to complete in class. Every student put loads of work into their presentations and they turned out really well!

ELA with Ms. Shannon

Book(s) Read: *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, excerpt from *Frankenstein*, *All Summer in a Day* by Ray Bradbury (short story)

Concepts Covered: Personal narrative, writing a script, elements of science fiction, elements of theater and performance, storytelling, worldbuilding, literary analysis, developing strong characters, dialogue

Projects Completed: Writing a personal narrative, writing a screenplay, planning and filming a play

Educator Note: The students have shown a unique level of engagement so far this year in all that they've created. Our reading of *A Midsummer Night's Dream* was theatrical and lively, drawing in concepts of play production, dialogue, and dramatic irony. Students used our readings as inspiration for creating their own stories, including a three-act play with dialogue, humor, and irony. Students began filming their plays, casting their classmates as characters, and taking the lead of stage production and directing. As we move forward with our science fiction unit, I look forward to reading the imaginative stories the students will create!

Life Skills & Home Management

Cleaning: cleaning strategies, diy cleaning solutions, black light detection.

Laundry: stain removal experiment, laundry symbols, ironing, folding; different types of clothing & fitted sheets.

Sewing: different hand stitches, ladder stitch (repair a plushie), sew a button.

Cooking: about yeast, pizza dough, gingerbread, sankaya fatong, hand pies aka "pop tarts".

Other Topics Covered: fluorescence of chlorophyll with UV light, plant care and germination, pomanders, addressing letters, making Dr appointments & filling out medical forms, Christmas Spiders.

Thursday

Fine Art Exploration

Artists Studied: Giotto, Hans Holbein, El Greco, Caravaggio, Peter Paul Rubens, Goya, J.M.W. Turner, Jackson Pollock, Eugene Delacroix, John Everett Millais, Alberto Giacometti, Paul Klee, Franz Marc, Vincent Van Gogh, and Yaacov Agam

Projects Completed: made egg tempera, Giotto mixed media collage, El Greco elongated figure, Giacometti Sculptures, abstract paintings, Paul Klee wax resist paintings, abstract drawing to music, album cover, Van Gogh acrylic painting, pictures made out of words, papercut topography, Franz Marc abstract animal drawing, surrealist object drawings, miniature book worlds, artist trading cards, acrylic pour on canvas, and agamograph/lenticular art

Collaborative Projects: panoramic drawing and mandala art

Drawing Lessons: distance and perspective, 3D objects, half self-portrait, drawing and shading basics

Biology

Concepts Studied: Atoms, molecules, cells, DNA, genetics, evolution, ecology

Saturday Labs: Egg cell lab, photosynthesis lab, genetics lab, lizard evolution lab

Educator Note: Everyone has made great progress in understanding the complexities of life on Earth. All the students have been very active participants in classroom discussions, labs, quizzes, and trivia; I am very pleased with everyone's progress this year!