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Art Bradley International School Newsletter

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Classroom Beauty

The school year started off brighter than ever because the Art Room got such thorough and loving attention from our new custodial staff. From there a new, fresh approach unfolded.

Classroom Curriculum

This school year has an overarching theme for students of all grades to consider. This is consistent with many state and district art education standards. Bradley artists are instructed and encouraged to tell a story with their art. Art is a form of communication and students will be taught in a variety of ways to choose a theme or message for their art and then use elements of art such as colors, lines and details to make their message clear to their viewers. This year-long focus is producing some great enthusiasm in the kids. Their art is so personal and their questions about 'what do I add next?' or the ageless 'is it done now?' are not being asked.



One essential IB skill is to 'be a communicator'. Within the IB communication skill set 'be a listener' is also important. In art, students will learn how to look at art and understand the details that tell the story. Fascinatingly, children have a unique way of understanding each others art. In art class this year, there is an unusual amount of appreciation for each other's creations, a lot of swapping art stories and an encouraging dialog among peers who help each other with ideas on how to improve each others art. The desire in every classroom is to harness the attention that friends give to each other for the subject matter being taught!

How to Support At Home:

Parents are an essential support for their children. When art comes home, dedicate a few minutes of undivided attention to listen to its carefully created message from your student. There is so much to learn about children through their art; even with the children we know so well. Sometimes children have surprising questions and concerns within their artwork that are worth discussing. Beautiful conversation starters, teachable moments, shared familial memories and joined wonderment are available and so enjoyable.



Other Announcements:

The parent involvement at school brings joy to Bradley teachers. We are a Blue Ribbon School because we are a team of caring dedicated adults who are forming the minds, skills and characters of our student body. It is a delight to serve this community. The art room has an open door for parents and their guests. Come by anytime and enjoy the warmth and friendliness of Bradley room 120.