



Your Art, Your Voice



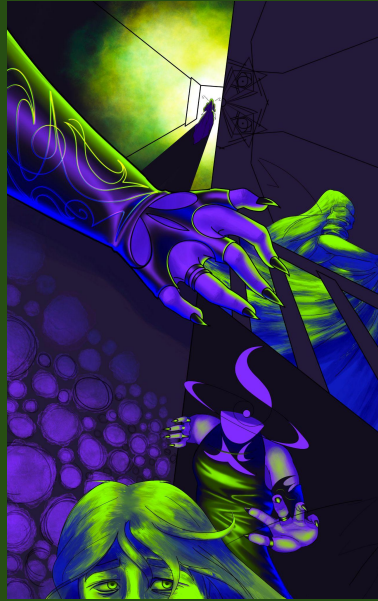
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Started in 1961 through The Art & Creative Materials Institute, Inc. Youth Art Month exists to:

1. Recognize art education as a viable factor in the total education curricular that develops citizens of a global society.
2. Recognize art is a necessity for the full development of better quality of life for all.
3. Direct attention to the value of art education for divergent and critical thinking.
4. Expand art programs in schools and stimulate new art programs.
5. Encourage commitment to the arts by students, community organizations, and individuals everywhere.
6. Provide additional opportunities for individuals of all ages to participate in creative art learning.
7. Increase community, business and governmental support for art education.
8. Increase community understanding and interest in art and art education through involvement in art exhibits, workshops, and other creative ventures.
9. Reflect and demonstrate the goals of the National Art Education Association that work toward the improvement of art education at all levels.



Sofia Musi



Nam Nguyen



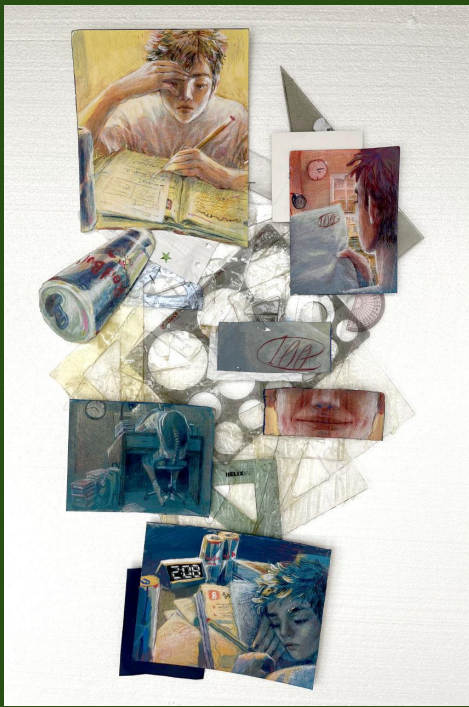
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Cat Smith

High School AP Art

Mr. Jason Koons



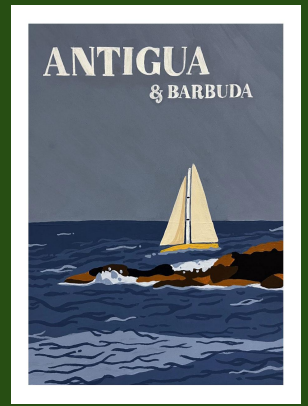
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Ryan Phan



Laiken Hoy



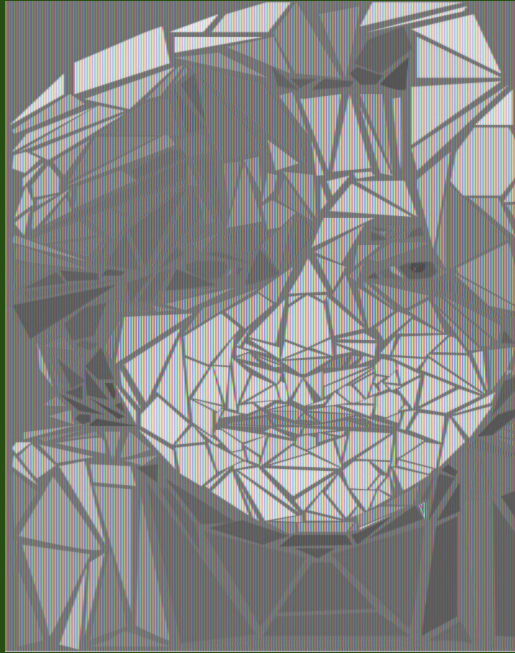
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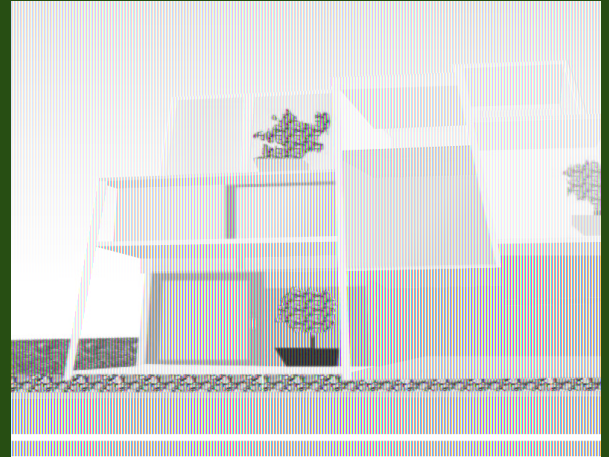
Nora Alaishuski



Nathan Landes



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Adrian Carbajal

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Ava Fennell



Steven Hoehl



Ellie Baldwin

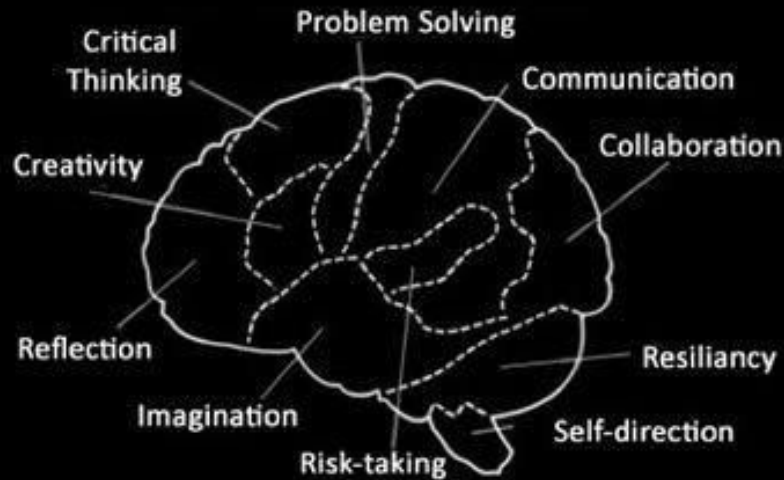


Alexandra DePiano

High School Digital Art

Mrs. Caitlin Ferenchak

ART



...it's a whole-brainer.



High School Artworks in progress.



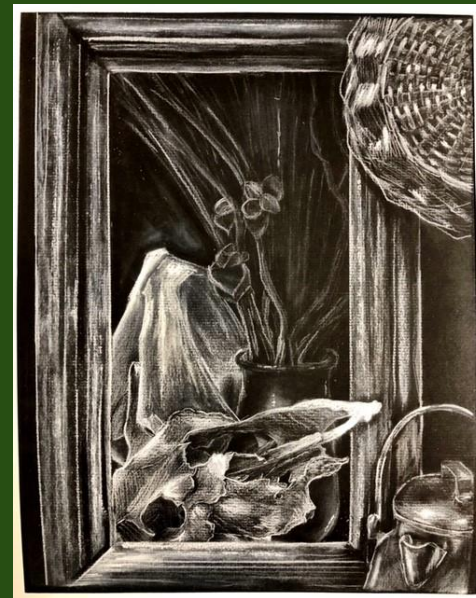
Annacatherine Rhodes



Jules Carpia



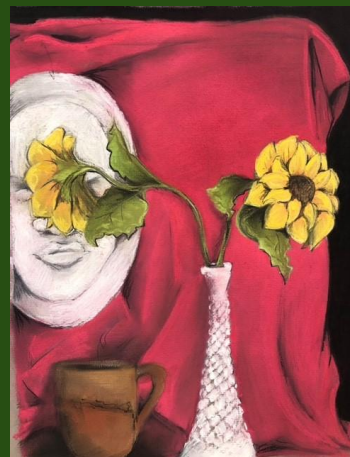
Reagan Giroux



Aarya Bhoir



Val Wagner



JT Gutoski



Kaya Smith



High School

ART 1 Ms. Beth Hall



Mia Chan



Weronika Luczaj



Mairi Smith
*carves her bowl in
Ceramics 2*



*Students learning to throw in
Wheel-Thrown Ceramics*

Maddie Casatelli



High School Ceramics

Ms. Marilyn McCauley



Dylan Oszeyczik



Ava Gwilliam

Jo Harwick
throwing on the wheel



Carmela Peta



Olivia Trankle



Halle Gregory
works on test tiles.

High School Ceramics

Ms. Marilyn McCauley

20 REASONS ART MATTERS

- 1 **Art gives** us a visual representation of the past.
- 2 **Art provides** social commentary on the present.
- 3 **Art communicates** in ways words can't.
- 4 **Art informs, inspires, and persuades** others to make the world a better place.
- 5 **Art communicates** our innermost thoughts.
- 6 **Art tells** stories, both real and imagined.
- 7 **Art brings** people together.
- 8 **Art makes** people feel.
- 9 **Art expresses** dreams.
- 10 **Art helps** us understand ourselves.
- 11 **Art provides** a creative outlet.
- 12 **Art embellishes** the world around us.
- 13 **Art memorializes** people, places, and events.
- 14 **Art helps** us empathize with one another.
- 15 **Art helps** us design the world we live in.
- 16 **Art makes** us laugh.
- 17 **Art makes** us cry.
- 18 **Art helps** us show our appreciation for others.
- 19 **Art is** therapeutic.
- 20 **Art is** part of our everyday lives in more ways than we can imagine.

WHY DOES ART MATTER TO **YOU?**



Jacob Roberts



Arcola - 8th Grade
Mrs. Roberts



Sophia Skinner



Vanessa
Hutchinson



AJ Karvounis



Kael Armstrong

Arcola - 7th Grade

Mrs. Roberts



Bhavi Patel



Sadie Fitch



Patrick Lumley



Joey Thomas



Abbie Bartol



Andy Yu



Anna Hopf



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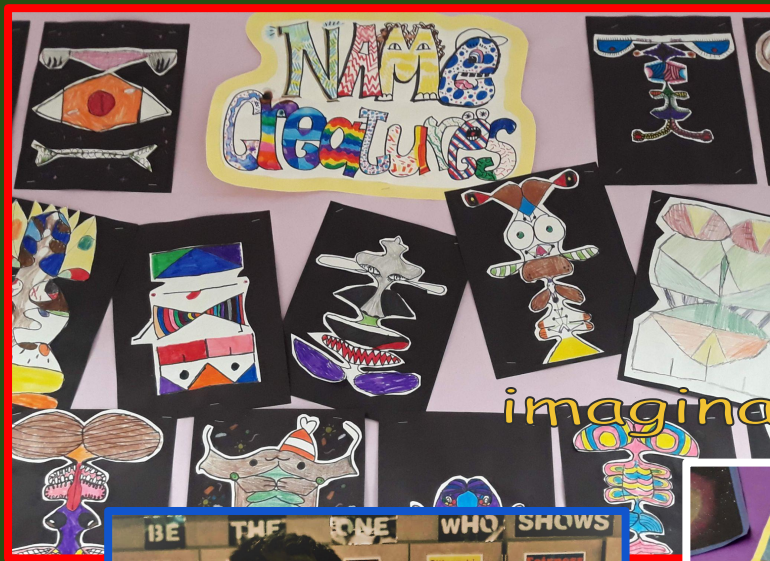
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HOW ARE THE ARTS IMPORTANT TO OUR SOCIETY?

"The arts have been a part of the culture of human beings since the beginning of time. They are a reflection of the essence of a culture and allow individuals to express themselves."

Kristin Pleasanton, Dover



ART
IS...

imaginative



scientific



surprising

Skyview 6th Grade

Mrs. Roese



Self
affirming



beautiful



comical

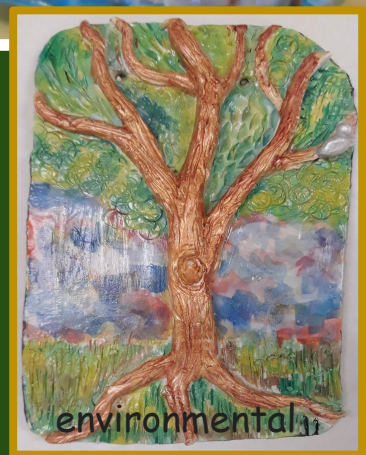
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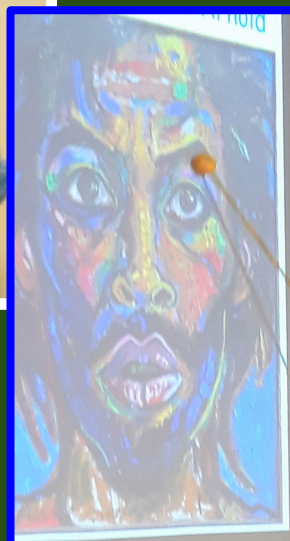
collaborative



historical



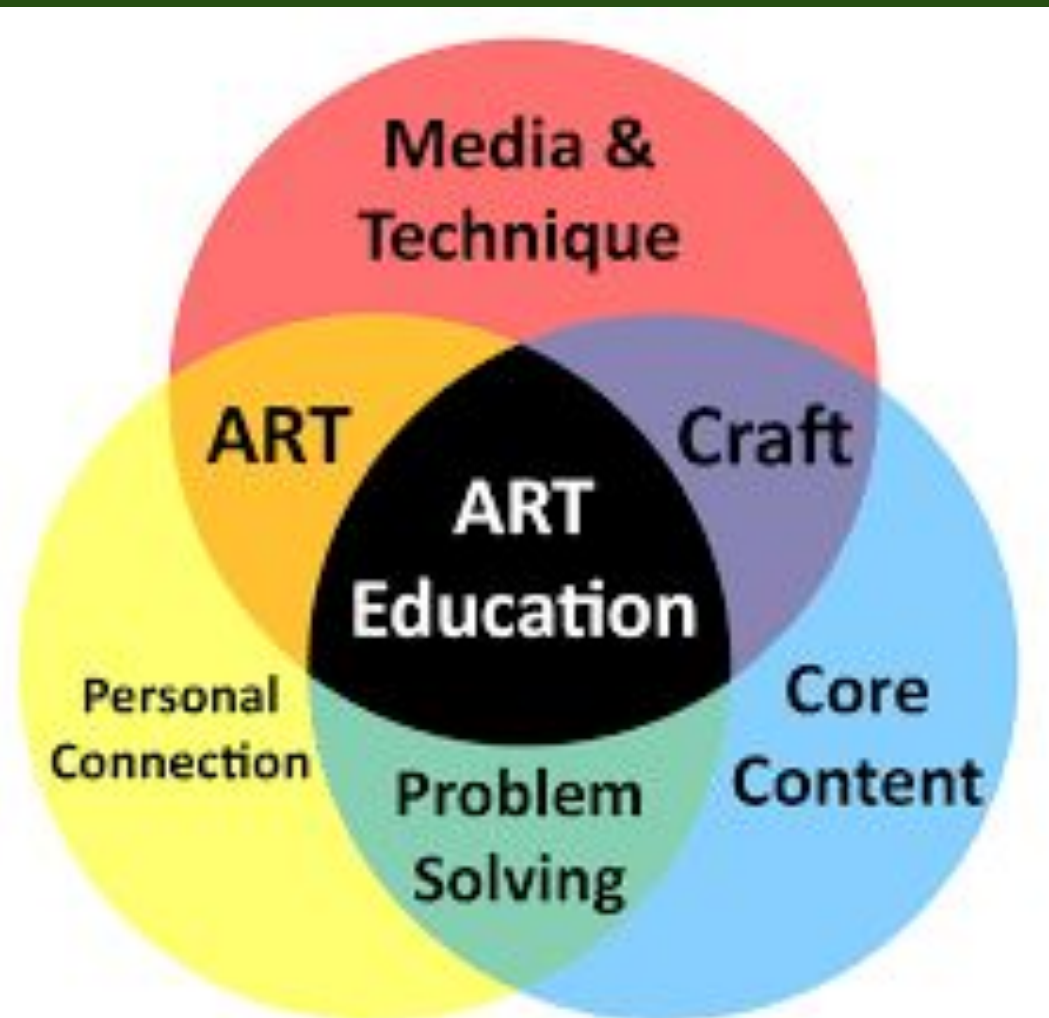
environmental



culturally significant



Skyview 5th Grade
Mrs. Roese





Arrowhead

Mrs. Karen McDonough



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TOP 10 SKILLS CHILDREN LEARN FROM THE ARTS:

1. CREATIVITY
2. CONFIDENCE
3. PROBLEM SOLVING
4. PERSEVERANCE
5. FOCUS
6. NON-VERBAL COMMUNICATION
7. RECEIVING CONSTRUCTIVE FEEDBACK
8. COLLABORATION
9. DEDICATION
10. ACCOUNTABILITY

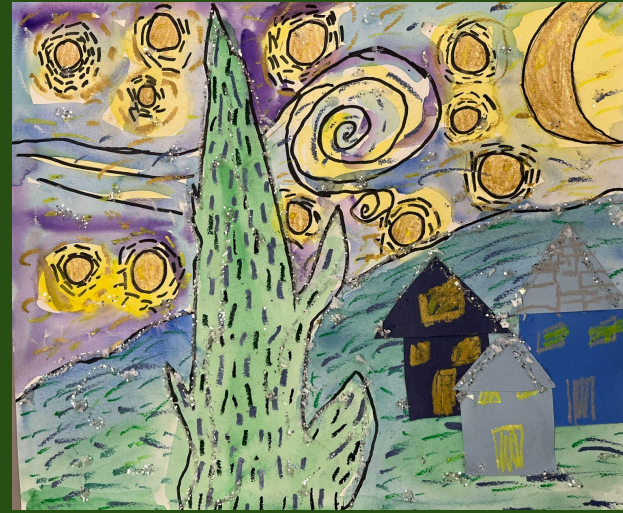




1st Grade Britton G.



2nd Grade creating collage



2nd Grade Skyla M.



Kinder practicing
printmaking



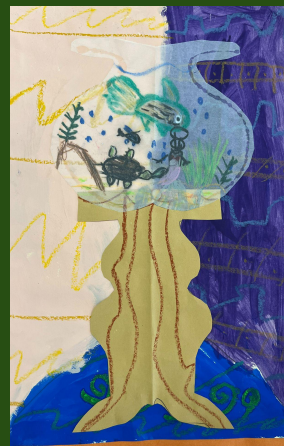
Kinder Hana C



2nd Grade Addison E.



3rd Grade McKayla P.



2nd Grade
Josselyn R-S



4th Grade Megan L.



3rd Grade
working on a
sculpture

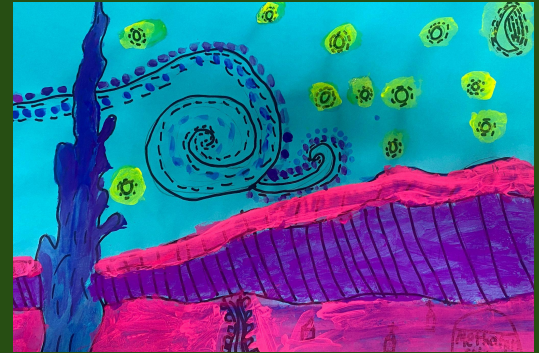
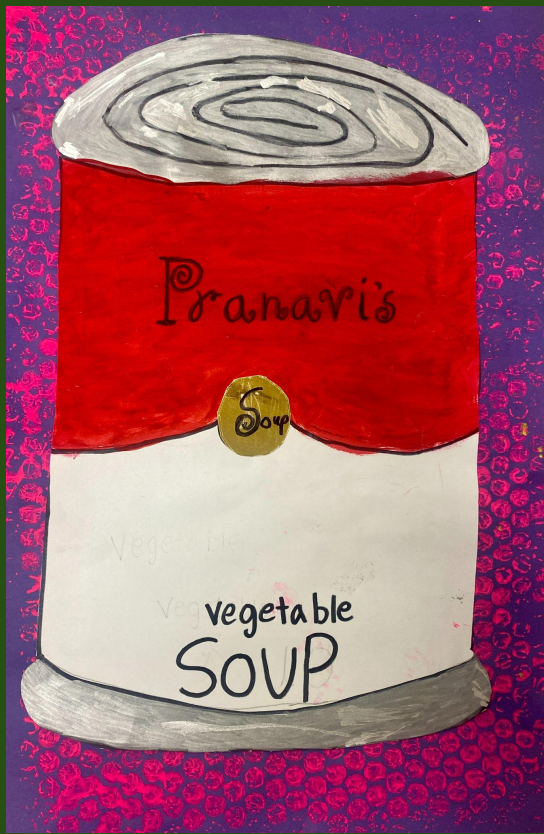


3rd
Grade
using
paint
sticks



4th Grade Wesley M.

**Art is the meeting place of all subjects...
Art teachers know, when we grid, measure,
and draw — we use geometry. When we
make sculptures — we use engineering.
When we mix colors — we reveal
information about physics. When we
create illustrations for stories — we learn
about literature. When we review the
styles of art from da Vinci to Banksy — we
teach history. When we write about art —
we strengthen these skills. When we create
works of art, we solve complex visual
problems in creative ways. ~Eric Gibbons *ArtEdGuru.com***



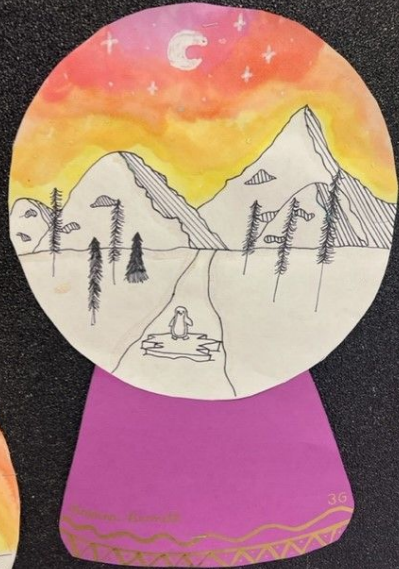
Woodland
Ms. Kassie Williams



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Worcester
Mrs. Kristy Schwartz



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Think Children Don't Need ART In the 21st Century?

THINK AGAIN!

An Arts Education Teaches Children To...

Collaborate & Cooperate

- Work Together
- Understand Their Actions Affect Others
- Realize Even Small Contributions Have Value
- Compromise for Common Goal
- Take Responsibility for Mistakes
- Share responsibility
- Realize Their Contribution is Important to the Success of the Group
- Realize Mistakes Happen

Communicate

- Receive Constructive Feedback
- Develop Language By Talking About Art & Describing Creations
- Improve Skills Through Evaluation
- Communicate Different Emotions
- Realize Feedback is a Part of Learning
- Breakdown the Mechanics of Body Language
- Portray a Character Effectively
- Interpret Visual Information
- Experience Different Ways of Moving

Be Creative

- Think on Their Feet
- Approach Tasks From Different Perspectives
- Interweave Ideas Into New Possibilities
- Take Creative Risks
- Practice Creative Thinking Until It Becomes Natural
- Develop a Sense of Innovation
- Be Original!

Organize

- Concentrate & Focus
- Keep a Balance Between Listening & Contributing
- Develop Motor Skills
- Think About Their Role & How It Contributes To the Big Picture of What is Being Created

"We live in an age when the most valuable asset any economy can have is the ability to be creative—to spark and imagine new ideas, be they Broadway tunes, great books, iPads or new cancer drugs."
—Thomas Friedman, New York Times, August 4, 2010

Problem-Solve

- To Keep an Open Mind
- Explore Further Info
- Move Forward to New Insight & Understanding
- Have Decision-Making Skills
- Develop Skills in Reasoning & Understanding
- Be Attentive to Details, of Perceptions & Ideas

Self-Direct

- Persevere!
- Practice Follow-Through
- Improve Academic Performance
- Develop Healthy Work Habits

Be Socially Responsible

- Act Responsibly With The Interests of the Larger Community in Mind
- Understand Choices Artists & Designers Make
- Know & Appreciate Diverse Societies
- Interpret & Evaluate Others' Perceptions of Reality

Be Fluent With Technology

- Develop Information & Media Literacy Skills
- Utilize Today's Digital & Social Media As An Appropriate Vehicle For Their Message (Computers, iPads, Video, Digital Cameras, and more!)
- Create Information in a Variety of Forms & Media

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