SMART LITERACY



QUALITY, CREATIVITY, INNOVATION, COLLABORATION





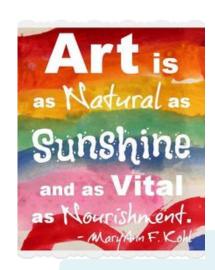


Champions of Change

Champion teachers are dedicated and committed to their students. They use a dynamic and effective range of teaching strategies, build caring relationships and have high expectations for all. Champion teachers recognize the value of arts in education.

When well taught, the arts provide young people with authentic learning experiences that engage their minds, hearts, and bodies. The learning experiences are real and meaningful for them. The arts connect students to themselves and each other and provide new challenges for those students already considered successful. Additionally, the arts provide learning opportunities for the adults in the lives of young people. With adults participating in lifelong learning, young people gain an understanding that learning in any field is a never- ending process.

Thank you for being a part of the SmART Literacy project as we learn and grow together as educators!



Quick Tip from ArtsNow Visual Arts Consultant Shannon Green



Google Art

Google Art and Culture site is a wonderful resource for the classroom. It is an online compilation created by Google of self-selected art museums and artworks. It makes available images of more than 32,000 works in 31 mediums and materials, from the collections of 151 museums and arts organizations worldwide, forming a broad, deep river of shared information that can be used with your students.



Here are 3 ways to use Art and Culture in your classroom.

1. Take a virtual field trip.

Google Arts and Culture has huge potential to connect students to places around the world. You can take virtual tours of thousands of museums and cultural sites. Plus, you can explore content in-depth with Projects, which combines resources for an experience that rivals any museum.

2. Zoom in.

Any of the artworks collected in Google Arts and Culture allow the viewer to zoom in – so close, in fact, that you can clearly see marks like brush strokes and cracks in the paint. However, don't think paintings are all the collection is made of. You can view thousands of works, including the iconic Starry Night, from a dazzling array of media and time periods.

3. Connect to history.

Google Arts and Culture has some amazing historical resources that can add real depth to your lessons. One easy way to explore a little bit at a time is to check out the "Your daily digest" section. It appears at the top of the homepage and includes highlighted material, like events that happened on the current day in history, a person who was born on the current day, and a spotlighted story. Another way to search through material is to use the search functions to search through historical figures and events.

School Visit Highlights



We look forward to seeing you again soon!