



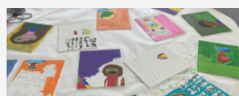
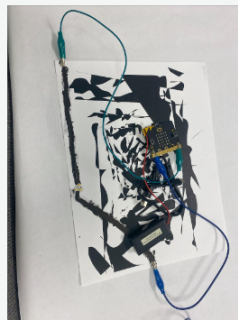
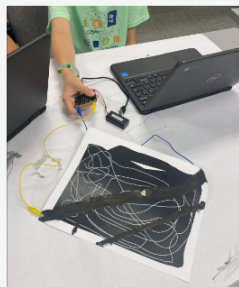
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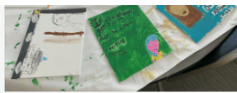
Read how we have brought learning to life this summer!

### ArtsNOW and CEISMC Summer Partnership: Savannah, Georgia

Summer with ArtsNOW and the Center for Education Integrating Science, Mathematics, and Computing (CEISMC), in Savannah, GA, provided students incredible opportunities for learning through STEAM activities. ArtsNOW teacher leader, Sariah Miller, introduced four (4) local artists to the students in Artbotics Camp. Students studied Panhandle Slim and created a self portrait, along with an authentic writing, in the style of Panhandle Slim's folk art. Students traveled to the Jepson Art Museum and viewed an art exhibit "Ookee", by Duff Woon Yung. When students returned to campus, they created their own "Ookee art". Students then used Microbits to add lights to their creations, while learning about circuitry. After learning about mixed media muralist, Jose Ray, they created a piece of art that was combined with all other student works to complete a collaborative mural. The final artist was a musical theater composer, Sushi Soucy. Students brainstormed and wrote original lyrics to their own musical theater song. The students enjoyed all of the hands-on learning during the week of Artbotics Camp.

In partnership with CEISMC Summer Programs, ArtsNOW teacher leader, Sariah Miller, integrated theatre (improv) and green screen videography. Students embodied character traits of meteorologists and worked in cooperative groups to use their minds, bodies, and voices to report the weather. Each group used the Do Ink Green Screen app to take a picture of the forecast. They then recorded their forecast in front of the green screen without a script. Students edited their recording to combine the weather forecast and their video. Students were engaged in the artistic process while learning about theatre and green screen videography.





## ArtsNOW and Florence School District 3: REALAI Grant Kick-off

**ArtsNOW held our first kick-off for our Reimagining and Accelerating Literacy through Arts Integration (REALAI) grant for the 2023-2024 school year in Lake City, SC.** Lake City Early Childhood Center of the Arts and JC Lynch Elementary School educators and leadership met together as Shawn Williams, ArtsNOW Regional Director, introduced new team member and Project Coordinator, April Duffey. After introductions and review of the REALAI grant goals and objectives, schools were immersed in arts integrated lessons facilitated by ArtsNOW consultants. Melissa Joy led a dance session allowing teachers to explore integrating props and movement into their literacy lessons. Teachers enjoyed using scarves, hula hoops, bouncy balls, ribbons, and elastic bands as they danced through figurative language, character traits, and other literary standards. Susie Purcell engaged teachers with many beginning of the year drama activities for students, and also introduced "Garbology" to share strategies for integrating non-fiction literature with puppetry, voice techniques, and recycling. Teachers were inspired by the artwork of Asya Kozina and created headpieces to represent character traits with Shannon Green. Ashley Drake, music consultant, had teachers up and moving to represent the playing of various instruments. Participants listened to sections of "Peter and the Wolf", by Sergei Prokofiev, to create stories inspired by instrumental sounds. They discussed how to integrate other symphonic pieces of music with books read in the classroom. Lake City Early Childhood Center of the Arts and JC Lynch Elementary School educators left the day excited to continue integrating the arts into their lessons with new strategies! ArtsNOW looks forward to kick-off events with Colleton County and Clayton County schools in August.

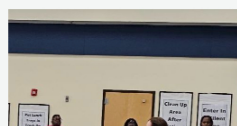
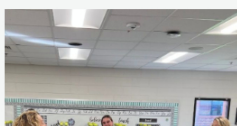


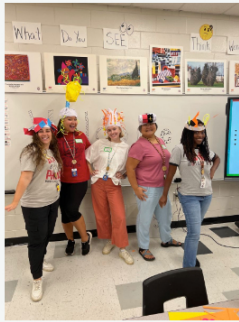
## SAIL Kick-off and Continued Partnership with ArtsNOW: Savannah, Barrow, and Cobb

**We are off to an exciting start with our STEM + the Art of Integrated Learning (SAIL) grant school partners and ArtsNOW consultants!** The end of July marked our annual kick-off events throughout the grant schools. Kick-offs are a great way to get excited for the wonderful things to come this school year, and is also a time to reflect on our goals and accomplishments for the last two years.

In Savannah, dance allowed participants to not only feel the rhythm, but understand musical phrasing and how to make connections in the classroom. Educators also explored the magic of simple objects, used as props, to inspire choices in theatre. Through visual arts, participants experimented with watercolor/wax resist techniques as they integrated science standards.

In Barrow and Cobb counties, the creative energy was elevated through the creation and use of props. In visual arts, STEAM concepts inspired paper-made hats, allowing for ingenuity and self-expression. In a runway display, teachers showcased their fashion-forward creations. In keeping with props, dance incorporated items to describe scientific ideas, as they chose the prop that best expressed their concept through choreography. Theatre touched on the subject of recycling and reusing as participants explored personification and character-building using discarded objects. We are entering the new school year with enthusiastic minds and hearts, ready to work... and have fun!





## ArtsNOW Welcomes Five (5) New Partner Schools: Arts Grow SC

ArtsNOW, in partnership with Arts Grow SC and the South Carolina Arts Commission (SCAC), welcomes five (5) new schools from four (4) districts in South Carolina: Berea Elementary (Greenville County School District), Cannons Elementary (Spartanburg 3), Centerville Elementary and Homeland Park Primary (Anderson 5), and H.E. Bonner Elementary (Berkeley County School District). ArtsNOW will provide whole-school professional learning and support to these schools in arts integration. Arts consultants and ArtsNOW leadership will facilitate four (4) two-day sessions including professional learning in arts integration strategies, demonstration lessons, and lesson planning support throughout the school year. Three (3) of these new schools were able to attend ArtsNOW's Foundational Seminar this summer, and all five (5) schools will send teams to Foundational in Summer 2024. Kick-offs have begun for these new schools, starting with Centerville Elementary in Anderson District 5!

ArtsNOW is excited to embark on Year 2 of partnerships with another twelve (12) schools across South Carolina in collaboration with Arts Grow SC and the South Carolina Arts Commission. All of these schools sent teams of administrators and teachers to one of our Foundational Seminars in either Georgia or South Carolina earlier this summer. While at Foundational, school teams took a deep dive into arts integration in each of the four (4) main art forms: dance, drama, music, and visual arts. Teams also collaborated to create school plans for implementation for this upcoming school year. They left feeling inspired and motivated to lead their schools with authentic arts integration!





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