



YOUNG ARTISTS EXPLORE ART TECHNIQUES THROUGH THE CREATION OF UNIQUE WORKS.

The MinorBrushes Merit Young Artist Scholarship

Art is naturally linked to creativity, an attribute that is increasingly being touted as one of the most important factors for the success of individuals, organizations, and cultures. The truth is that Art is vital, if somewhat intangible, and that if children engage in hands-on art activities, they learn even better in all disciplines. Art is for all ages! From realism to comic characters MinorBrushes is student-centered art mentorship that assists all with their art goals. It's about communication and work in progress discussions. "Mrs. McColl has helped me grow as a person and artistically. Since 3rd grade I have attended MinorBrushes and it's fun to have another person to watch me grow. If I could recommend one person to teach you the impossible and magnificent ways of Art it would be Mrs. McColl." -Aylla Vaughn 7th grade.

Community Engagement



MinorBrushes was asked to help Girl Scouts earn their Art Badge. We chose to paint landscapes. Two landscapes were offered in order to utilize as many colors as possible. Six creative children chose the sunset, four chose a field of flowers, and one chose to create their own world. So many creative minds and not a single piece looked like another. The smiles say it all! Great job!



Mrs. McColl, Artist and Mentor presents 4th grader Cassie with the first MinorBrushes Merit Young Artist Scholarship on April 15, 2022. Cassie was nominated by her classroom teacher because her art is exceptionally unique and "makes her classmates smile." Cassie will attend five 1.5 hour one-on-one art classes with Mrs. McColl beginning June 27 through July 1, 2022. "This opportunity was a real highlight for me as an Artist and Mentor. I thoroughly enjoy empowering children's strengths and experiencing their joy as they utilize their strengths in all areas of their learning. I hope this is the first of many awards," remarks Mrs. McColl, "afterall we need the creative minds now and for our future.



Did You Know?

- 1. Art promotes creativity.** Creativity is the ability to think outside the box, to string two unrelated ideas together in a new way. Solutions to major problems and breakthroughs of all kinds are linked to creativity.
- 2. Art encourages neural connections.** Art is an activity that can employ all the senses—sight, sound, touch, smell, and taste—depending on the activity.
- 3. Art builds fine motor skills.** Using a paintbrush, drawing dots and lines, mixing colors, cutting with scissors, controlling a glue stick or squeezing a glue bottle, kneading and rolling playdough, tearing paper—all of these tasks require increasing amounts of dexterity and coordination, yet they are so fun and rewarding that children want to do them over and over. As kids engage in art activities over time, their fine motor skills improve
- 4. Art develops problem-solving abilities.** Open-ended, process-oriented art is nothing but an endless opportunity for making choices, coming to conclusions, second-guessing decisions, and evaluating results.
- 5. Art helps kids understand themselves and their world.** Children absorb incredible amounts of new information, and they need to process what they have learned in a safe, reflective way. When we encourage our children to explore art, we encourage them to master themselves, their bodies, and a variety of tools and techniques. Art gives them many ways to express themselves.
- 6. Art helps kids connect.** Art is an equalizer, helping create a common ground for children who don't know each other and who may or may not be interested in the same things. It can help people of all ages, races, abilities, and even languages engage in a shared (and generally mutually loved) activity.
- 7. Art is fun.** Art isn't something should be stressful. Young artists should be able to explore even when an example is given but all pieces should reflect the individual child's choices and they should be able to share why they made those choices creating their visual story.

When more than one student is in the session it is a great time for students to review one another's work in a small, informal critique. Constructive criticism teaches everyone more about what and how we see other's work, and it encourages the proper way to give and receive positive feedback; building proper communication skills.

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FUN INTERACTIVE SPACE FOR BUDDING ARTISTS

Kids come and paint with Mrs. McColl and take a painting home.

June 4, 2022
10am to 2pm



join us for an art fair on the green
ART ON south
next to robie gym 42 south street