Arts for Learning: Scope of Units & Residencies

Faculty selects Units aligned with general curriculum. Spring semester includes one Unit plus a coordinated, in-classroom, 5-session Residency of a Teaching Artist.

Grade Level Assignment	Unit & Title	Primary Literacy Concepts & Skills	Art Form, Specific Art Techniques & Elements	Text Genre & Literary Work(s)	Primary Standards Addressed (Common Core SS in Oregon)
3 rd grade Fall Semester	Character Clues in Action	Character perspective, Character traits, Making inferences, Story elements	Theater: tableau, facial expression, vocal expression, gesture, body shapes, levels, playing space	Fiction/Fairytales: The Three Little Pigs; The True Story of the Three Little Pigs by John Scieszka; Toys Go Out by Emily Jenkins	Describe characters in a story (traits, motivations or feelings); Compare and contrast two or more characters respond in a story, drawing on specific details in the text.
3 rd grade Spring Semester	Words in Motion + Artist-in-Residence	Word meaning, Speaking with expression, Freeverse poetry, Synonyms & antonyms	Dance/Choreography: shape, levels, place, shared space, mirroring, improvisation	Poetry/Free-verse: Ralph Fletcher, Mark Vinz, Georgia Heard, and more	Demonstrate understanding of word relationships and nuances in word meanings; Read poetry orally with accuracy and expression.
4 th grade Fall Semester	Authors & Actors	Narrative writing (Strong leads and endings, Sensory details)	Theater: idea-generating and kinesthetically-driven activities	Personal Narratives: <i>The Wall</i> by Eve Bunting; <i>Knucklehead</i> by Jon Scieszka; <i>Best Friends</i> by Mary Beth Olsen	Write narratives to develop real experiences using effective technique, descriptive details, and clear event sequencing; Use sensory details to convey experiences.
4 th grade Spring Semester	Everyday Heroes + Artist-in-Residence	Synthesizing, Determining importance, Drawing Evidence, Note-taking	Visual art/Collage: shape, size, line, color, space, emphasis, balance, symbol, texture/implied texture	Nonfiction/Biography & Informational Text: Roberto Clemente by Jonah Winter; Romare Bearden: Collage of Memories by Jan Greenberg; Reference Materials	Integrate information from two texts on the same topic in order to write or speak about the subject knowledgeably; draw evidence from text to support analysis, reflection and research.
5 th grade Fall Semester	Graphic Story Adventures	Fiction writing (Sequels), Story elements, Visualization, Author's choice	Visual art/Graphic Novels: drafting, sketching, line, thought and voice bubbles, embedded text, narrative text, text type	Fiction/Fantasy & Adventure: Newbery-winner My Father's Dragon by Ruth Stiles Gannett; Meanwhile by Jules Feiffer	Use narrative techniques, such as dialogue and description to develop events or show the responses of characters to situations; Analyze how visual and multimedia elements contribute to the meaning or tone of a text (graphic novel).
5 th grade Spring Semester	Planting a Community + Artist-in-Residence	Theme, Annotating text, Making inferences, Text- to-text connections	Music/Composition: tempo, rhythm, pitch, melody, motif, duration, dynamic, tone color	Fiction: <i>Seedfolks</i> by Paul Fleischman	Determine a theme of a story, including how characters respond to challenges; Include multimedia components (sounds) in presentations to enhance the development of main ideas or themes.

Learning and Life Skills promoted and practiced in Arts for Learning Lessons

• Critical & Creative Thinking • Collaborating • Problem Solving • Planning • Presenting • Cultural Awareness

Individual Qualities Nurtured by the Units and Residencies

• Confidence • Self Esteem • Initiative • Responsibility • Respect • Flexibility • Love of Learning • Curiosity • Perseverance

