



Special Education Classes – 8 weeks

Express your creative side

This program is directed at self contained class rooms. The program could run at the gallery or as an outreach program, for 80 minutes, once a week, for 8 weeks giving the students an opportunity to broaden their horizons and experience all different sorts of media and subjects while working with professional artists.

Expand your creativity in our multi-media art classes:

- Experiment with paint, clay, printmaking, sculpture and collage
- Express your self by painting a landscape, drawing a portrait
- Explore our gallery space and learn to look at art
- Enjoy a fun and relaxed environment

1. Music and Drawing

This is an excellent abstract and colour balancing exercise. Students move their pencils in movements on the 11" x 17" Cartridge paper that mimics the instruments or rhythms of the music pieces (i.e. a drum solo might be penciled as a jagged heart rate monitor-like line) Shapes created will then be coloured with pastels or pencil crayon.

Materials provided by the school: 11" x 17" Cartridge paper, pencils, and pencil crayons

2. Basic Drawing

Students will learn to draw from a Still life, exploring overlapping shapes and creating form (feeling of 3-D). These drawings will then be painted with watercolours. Students will learn the basics of watercolour painting using washes and other fun techniques.

Materials provided by the school: 11" x 17" Cartridge paper, pencils, and watercolours

3. Clay Sculpture

Students will learn a little bit about the Inuit culture and lucky animal amulets. After some basic instruction on creating with clay, students each will make a sculpture of an animal of their choice out of air dried clay.

Gallery will provide clay.

Materials provided by the school: Paper plates and acrylic paint

4. Landscape Painting

Looking at the Group of Seven and Canadian landscapes, students will be inspired to create their own landscapes using canvas boards and acrylic paint, (old clothes, please). They will learn about fore, middle and back grounds as well as horizon lines.

Gallery will provide canvas boards.

Materials provided by the school: Acrylic paint

5. Printmaking

Students will be introduced to the wonderful world of printmaking. Monoprints and/or collographs like collage). They will create a set of limited edition prints. This is a no fail activity for all ages and abilities.

Gallery will provide printmaking supplies.

6. Self-Portraits

Students will learn the formal way of drawing a human face. We will then apply that knowledge, with the aid of mirrors, to a drawing of their own face. The artwork will then be completed with oil pastel with special consideration to the emotional use of colour (happy and sad colours).

Materials provided by the school: Paper, construction paper, cartridge paper, pencils, and oil pastels.

7. Felting

A beautiful tactile experience using pure dyed wool, water and soap. Each student will “paint” with the wool and create a felted picture.

Gallery will provide supplies.

8. Showing Off

This last week can be used for holding an exhibit for parents and the general school population. Students will learn about presentation, labels and compose a short artist’s statement.

Important information:

Supply list: All classes require 11”x17” cartridge paper, (watercolour paper optional), pencils, erasers, paint brushes and water containers for painted projects. As well as anything else mentioned and listed above.

Price: \$68 per student for 8 weeks (8 students minimum)

Timing: The instructor will spend up to 80mins with students.

To book your classes please contact Monica at 905-477-9511 ext 234 or

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