



PROFESSIONAL ARTIST RESIDENCIES FOR 2016-2017

Kindergarten & SJCS First Grade: Science and Watercolors with Carol Masterson Oct., Jan. & May

Carol Masterson lives in Brunswick and has worked as an artist, illustrator, graphic designer, and teacher. During her AAE residency, Carol will focus on the kindergarten and first grade science curricula, beginning with self (Coffin K), spiders (SJCS K), and apples (SJCS 1st). She will share topical stories with students and then will encourage students to paint with watercolors to interpret both the story and the relevant curriculum area. In a new AAE twist, Carol will meet with each class three times throughout the school year, focusing each time on a new science study area. To learn more about Carol, please visit www.envirokitty.com.



First Grade: Physical Theater / Gretchen Berg June 2017

Gretchen Berg is a perennial AAE favorite and will join us this year for the fifth time. In her work as a teaching artist Gretchen collaborates with educators and students to integrate theater, dance, visual arts, and classroom curriculum in New England schools and museums. Gretchen serves as the Lead Teaching Artist and Curriculum Consultant for SideXSide in Portland, a program similar to Arts Are Elementary. She will work with first grade students as they bring to life the characters they create and encounter in their Writers' Workshop. The residency will culminate with a final celebration.

Second Grade & Multi-Age Classes: Make-Believe Medicine Shield Books / Mandy Russell Oct. 2016

Mandy Russell has taught art workshops in the Midcoast area since 2010 and owns and operates The Painted Dog: art & stitch studio in Brunswick. She works in a variety of media and has published multiple articles on how to create original art pieces. Using stamps, stitching, and storytelling, Mandy will work with students to create make-believe medicine shield books, tying into the second grade social studies unit on Native Americans. To learn more about Mandy, please visit www.mandyrussell.com and/or The Painted Dog: art & stitch studio on Facebook.



Third Grade: Contemporary Folk Music & Songwriting / Jud Caswell Jan. 2017

Back by popular demand, local singer/songwriter Jud Caswell will tie together elements from traditional and contemporary folk music as he guides third graders in the art of songwriting. Kids will learn about the folk process, write their own songs to an existing melody about a curricular subject, and record their work. Classes will share their original songs with one another at a school concert and copies of their recordings will be available online. Jud has released five albums, has performed at folk festivals around the country, leads songwriting workshops, and is a regular performer for kids at local schools and libraries. To learn more about Jud, please visit www.judcaswell.com.

Fourth Grade: Clay & Maine's First People / Squidge Davis May/June

Squidge Davis, director of Starflower Farm and Studios and its principal teacher, has been a Resident Artist for the state of Maine since 1978. In that capacity she has taught thousands of individuals the joy of creative process through clay and inner listening. Squidge is a favorite AAE resident of both kids and teachers alike – this will mark her 7th time with us! Tying into their unit on Maine Studies, Squidge will guide students as they work in silence to create speaking rattles out of clay and adorn them with natural elements. For more information about Squidge please visit her website at www.starflowerfarmstudio.com.



Fifth Grade: Writing and Photography / The Telling Room 2016 – 2017

The Telling Room is a nonprofit writing center in Portland, dedicated to the idea that children and young adults are natural storytellers. In 2015 the TR won the National Arts and Humanities Youth Program Award, the nation's highest honor for exemplary after-school arts programs. In their 10 sessions with us, our most in-depth residency to date, TR writing mentors will work with students from idea generation to final draft and will share with students the art of photography.

This residency will culminate with a book launch in the early spring, featuring work by every fifth grade student. AAE will provide copies of the book to 5th grade students and teachers. For more information, please visit: <http://www.tellingroom.org>.

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