

Welcome to the Visual Arts

WELCOME SPRING!

There is nothing more pleasing to hear than the sound of chirping birds or see flowers blooming in an array of beautiful colors. Winter continues to tease us as we usher in this new season.

The fourth and fifth grade students will begin this month by drawing and painting a few of Dr. Seuss characters as we celebrate "Read Across America Day" and the birthday of Dr. Seuss.

Dr. Theodor Seuss Geisel wrote and illustrated over 60 children's book such as "Do You Like Green Eggs and Ham", "There is a Wocket in my Pocket", "Put me in the Zoo"and others. He was an amazing American children's author, political cartoonist, illustrator, poet, animator, and filmmaker.



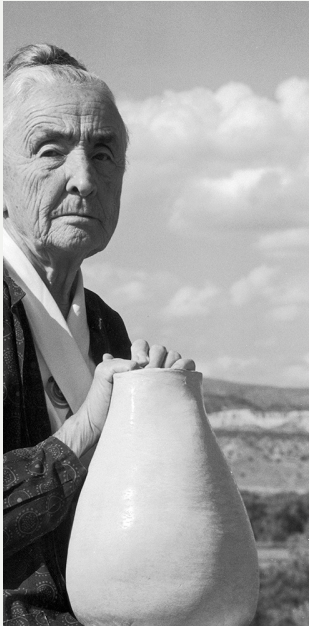
As we try to shake off those Winter blues I found this to be the perfect time to introduce Spanish American artist Pablo Picasso and the musical genre called the African American Blues. We will discuss how the arts (performance/vocal and visual) and science are interrelated as students create their own monochromatic fish painting.

This month our focus are on the following NC Essential Standards for the Visual Arts.

- 4 CX.2 Understand the interdisciplinary connections and life applications of the visual arts.
- 4CX.2.2 Apply skills and concepts learned in other disciplines, such as math, science, language arts, social studies, and other arts, in the visual arts.
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- %.CX.2.2 Exemplify how information and skills learned in art can be applied in other disciplines.

Women's History Month

This month we will also be commemorating and celebrating the vital role of women artists in American history.



GEORGIA O'KEEFE

Georgia Totto O'Keeffe was an American modernist artist. She was known for her paintings of enlarged flowers, New York skyscrapers, and New Mexico landscapes. O'Keeffe has been called the "Mother of American modernism".

HEATHER GALLER

Heather Galler is an American artist who paints with oil, acrylic, and mixed media to create cheerful folk art paintings, ceramic tiles, jewelry and more from her home in Austin, Texas. She was born June 22, 1970 in Rochester, New York. She is best known for her colorful folk art prints.



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