

North Miami Elementary Fine Arts Programming

Fine Arts Nights

Each grade level (kindergarten through 6th grade) will have one fine arts night each year where they will share their musical and visual arts talents. The students will perform a music program and will have an art gallery available for families to see their artwork as well. The fine arts programs will be as follows:

- November Veterans Day Program 6th Grade Students
- December Holiday Program 4th/5th Grade Students
- March Spring Program 2nd/3rd Grade Students
- May End of the Year Program Kindergarten/1st Grade Students

Honeywell Educational Outreach Integrated Arts Program



Grade Level	Visual Thinking Strategies	Artist in Residence Series (Integrated Arts)
1st Grade		Story Elements with Brian Kruschwitz, Musician and Storyteller
2nd Grade		Story Sequence and Main Idea with Brian Kruschwitz, Musician and Storyteller
3rd Grade		Retelling Stories from Diverse Cultures and Identifying Themes
4th Grade	45-Minute lesson each month in the classroom. Culminating study trip to the Honeywell Center.	Identifying Details and Their Impact on the Plot with Kevin Stonerock, the Indiana Pioneer
5th Grade	45-Minute lesson each month in the classroom. Culminating study trip to the Honeywell Center or Charlie Creek Gardens.	Identifying Details and Their Impact on the Plot
6th Grade	45-Minute lesson each month in the classroom. Culminating study trip to Charlie Creek Gardens.	Determining How a Theme Is Conveyed through Details and Summarizing Text

The Visual Thinking Strategies (VTS) is designed to build students' background knowledge and develop thinking skills that use detail to enhance understanding. Many educators have used this method as a precursor to working on a literary or writing passage because the thinking skills used to analyze artwork can be transferred to language arts as well. The Visual Thinking Strategies (VTS) method was created by Abigail Housen, a cognitive psychologist in the Harvard Graduate School of Education. VTS is targeted at developing creativity and thinking skills. It also presents a very effective method for tapping into students' background knowledge. For more, visit <https://vtshome.org/>