



Artist / illustrator Residency Packet



This is me in my studio ~



This is clay me ~



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My work is an artist and illustrator as well as a Artist in Residence in schools. My sculptural illustrations have been for Scholastic UK teacher magazines and classroom guides. I am working on revisions for a middle grade novel and author/illustrator picture books.

I have been creating whole school residency programs (500+ students each) for over 15 years. (A partial list of schools with the programs we created is on the school visits page of my website). These are fun art community events with displays to share the results with parents and friends.

I worked as the New York consultant to Crayola for 10 years, conducting Crayola Dream-makers Teacher development programs and Student museum exhibits. I love facilitating creativity and bringing classroom friendly creative ideas to teachers.

Creativity in the Classroom was a series of my workshops picked up by Capital Region BOCES Teacher development! Teacher workshops are structured as... theory, hands-on project, with take-home of lesson plans and the sample. Creative Teachers = Creative Learning experiences for students.

About My Artist in Residence Programs for Your School

I begin with a brief introduction to my illustration work either in paint or in clay. I show students the clay artwork I have created and also copies of work published in print.

I visit with one class at a time, up to 25 students, for a 45 minute class period, up to four classes per day.

The students will then create their own art in your chosen theme. Work is added to a large display for student/parent/community sharing.

If your school has chosen a soft-tile mural, each student will use paint or markers to design their tile, then we join all the tiles together for a whole school mural display. This display can be easily dismantled at the end of the year for the students to keep their tile.

If your school has chosen a clay art residency, each student will create a 3-D piece of art that will be hung (if it is a book award program) or attached to a tower (if it is a standing character) for an impressive whole-school display.

Programs include:

Whole school clay art & display

*Kid's Choice Awards -students love creating a clay award for their favorite **book** with a matching certificate. Awards are numbered & displayed with the reference book of matching certificates. Perfect library program, great student share!

*Tower of Characters - students sculpt their **favorite book character**, or whatever theme you choose ie: creatures, insects, animals. This is a popular Parents As Reading Partners Program for a end-of-program event display.

*Character Matters clay art tiles- Perseverance - Friendship - Respect - Responsibility - Friendship! this program requires extra hands for assembly- email for details

~ Murals, Illustrating & Writing

~ Mural painted directly on walls: students design and paint a wall mural that compliments the architecture and curriculum.

~ Soft Tile Murals: students use markers to put their individual design on soft tiles. The tiles are then joined for a whole school display & can be separated later for take-home.

~ Storyboard & Illustration: Day 1 = A brief presentation about story structure and pacing during a writing workshop. Day 2 = Zoom or Panoramic, black & white or color.

How to use illustration to tell the story (this workshop includes a pre-visit plan)

All programs can be altered to suit the needs of your school curriculum or theme.

1400. per day includes...

4 classes of 25 students each.

Materials included

Display created and included for your program needs.

Together we will build a art piece shareable with family and the community as well as building a school community experience!

I look forward to working with you.

~ Laura ~

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