CAEA Lesson Plan Format

LESSON TITLE: Collaborative Artmaking in the Elementary Classroom

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Grade Level: Elementary, MS

Content Standards:
CA Visual Arts: 2.0 CREATIVE EXPRESSION
Creating, Performing, and Participating in the Visual Arts
Students apply artistic processes and skills, using a variety of media to communicate meaning and intent in original works of art.

2.4 Create increasingly complex original works of art reflecting personal choices and increased technical skill.

CA ELD: Part One Collaborative (engagement in dialogue with others)

1. Exchanging information and ideas via oral communication and conversations.
2. Offering opinions and negotiating with or persuading others

Learning Objectives/Goals/Essential Understandings:
To explore various collaborative art making experiences by viewing and discussing projects that promote collaboration in the visual arts.

Vocabulary:
Collaboration, communication, creativity

Materials:
Various paper, glue, markers, pencils, cardboard, magazines.

Motivation:
What are ways people collaborate? Why is collaboration important?

Procedure:
Using a choice of one of many written prompts, participants will work in groups of 3–4 people to collectively create an artwork that reflects the idea of the prompt. Artists will choose the materials and decide how they will create the work, for example: draw, build, collage, etc.

Assessment and/or Evaluation:
How did your group work together to make decisions? What challenges did you experience making a group artwork? How can you apply collaborative strategies in your classroom?

Extensions:

Prompt examples
Create based on a science idea.

Create an interaction between two forms.

Create a place.

1. Choose an idea.
2. Each team member works on that idea individually.
3. Combine your work.

Combine materials in as many different ways as you can.

Make something warm and fuzzy.

Begin at a central point and work your way out.

Create an artwork that expresses joy.

Combine your favorite words. Illustrate it.