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HELPING CHILDREN THINK AND WRITE THROUGH VISUAL ARTS

Workshop Leader: Sandra Phaup

For Parents of Elementary Students

Time Required: 1-1.5 hours

Maximum number of workshop participants: 30

Visual images, like language, carry meaning, and the ability to read images is a necessary skill in an increasingly visual world. In this workshop, participants learn how children’s writing and thinking skills are enhanced using a four-part art criticism process—description, analysis, interpretation, and evaluation and/or a guided pre-writing approach. Participants discover how these strategies help people of all ages “read” an artwork, or other visual, and respond in a thoughtful, non-threatening way.

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