

### **Feeding the Heart through Art**

In light of the recent negative world events (school violence, shootings, bombings, war, negative political ads, etc.) that our students have been exposed to in the media, *I feel there is a great need for teaching kindness, love, and acceptance. And as their art teacher I feel I have a duty to help them learn to become compassionate, caring individuals.* I will combine my passion of teaching art and the idea of giving back and have students share their handmade art with others in our school and the community to create a positive impact. I have contacted the Meals on Wheels office, Mosaic, Officer Gilpin of the SJP, and a few other community agencies that we could utilize based on this grant and the opportunities it would provide. I will use my daily RTI (response to intervention) class time for this purpose. I will read books to my students about kindness, love, and acceptance (adding these to our school library so they can be a positive influence on other students as well) and we will create unique one-of-a-kind pieces, including a printmaking method, that can be shared or given to others.

#### **Feeding the Heart through Art projects may include but are not limited to:**

- 1) Make a joke book for someone in the hospital (7 jokes = 1 joke per day of the week) Mosaic Hospital
- 2) Make a placemat for Meals on Wheels (InterServe)
- 3) Decorate a lunch bag for bagged lunches given to the homeless (InterServe)
- 4) Make an anonymous card for someone in school that could use a pick-me-up
- 5) Make a card to thank a police officer or firefighter (Officer Gilpin & Station #12)
- 6) Make a card or decorate a file folder for a teacher to say thank you
- 7) Create a "hug" to mail to someone that is lonesome (two cut out & decorated hands with ribbon stapled between the two hands)
- 8) Create a drawing for a coloring book that will be made to give to children in the hospital (Mosaic)
- 9) Write a letter to someone in the military thanking them for their service
- 10) Create a poster of positivity/kindness/words of encouragement that we can post on the school walls or at a shelter (YWCA or Salvation Army)
- 11) Make a bookmark/tag with a positive message on it for someone to find in a library book.

#### **Books to Purchase for this project:**

1. *Heartprints* by Halliman, P.K. \$13.50
2. *The Colors of Us* by Karen Katz \$12.95
3. *The Thankful Book* by Todd Parr \$8.99
4. *It's Okay to be Different* by Todd Parr \$13.00
5. *Only One You* by Linda Kranz \$7.91

6. *One* by Kathryn Otoshi \$10.67
7. *Because Brian Hugged His Mother* by David Rice \$4.98
8. *Ordinary Mary's Extraordinary Deed* by Emily Pearson \$10.19 **Book Total: \$82.19**

**Supplies to Purchase for this project:**

Items	Cost	Total
15 Gel Printing Plates Size: 8 x 10 (online)	\$12 each (educator price) + Shipping: \$28	\$208
15 Stencils Size: 9 x 12 (online)	\$12.60 each	\$189 - 20% Educator Discount = \$151.20
200 White Cards & Envelopes (Michaels)	\$9.99 per 50 cards/envelopes + tax	\$43.33
File Folders (Office Depot)	\$7.99/100 folders + tax	\$8.66
15 - Brayers (Amazon)	\$12.67 each	\$190.05
White Paper Lunch Bags	500 ct. \$15.88	\$15.88
White 9 x12 Envelopes	250 ct.	\$33.39
Manila Tags (Amazon)	Pack of 1000	\$17.54
Acrylic Paint Assortment	2 oz bottles .49 - 1.39/color	\$50.00
Ribbons, Glue, Misc.		\$50.00
Supplies Total Cost		\$768.05
<b>Books &amp; Supplies Cost</b>	<b>\$82.19 + \$768.05 =</b>	<b>\$850.24</b>

The Feeding the Heart through Art class will be offered every 9 weeks in the school year. Third through sixth grade students participate in my RTI class averaging 15-20 students per session. Students will use drawing, collage, writing, and printmaking in creating their art (cards, envelopes, posters, lunch bags, placemats, joke book, etc.) and learn that their art can also serve a purpose. Students will fill out a questionnaire at the end of the 9 weeks to reflect on their learning, tally how many works were created, what future acts of kindness they plan to do, and suggestions for future acts of kindness that we could add to our list!

**Resources:**

1. [http://www.gelpress.com/store/c1/Featured\\_Products.html](http://www.gelpress.com/store/c1/Featured_Products.html) (Gel Plate website)
2. <http://www.stencilgirlproducts.com/Default.asp> (Stencil website)

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