Winter Haiku

Snowy blank canvas
a dash of cardinal red
blue birds soon alight

Students in grades 3-5 learn to compose various genres of poetry such as haiku, while incorporating elements of writing such as simile and metaphor, compare and contrast and descriptive words that evoke imagery. An art activity such as a drawing or watercolor accompanies each poem so students see the common elements of art and poetry. Students either create an art journal or alter discarded books to create a poetry book to showcase their poetry and art. This program is very successful in inspiring students to write poetry and share their poems with students. Literacy envelops creative writing, communication of thoughts, feelings and critical thinking.

five day residency, 45 minutes to an hour, days may take place over two weeks

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