

# Unity

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I dreamed I stood in a studio  
And watched two sculptors there,  
The clay they used was a young  
child's mind and they fashioned it  
with care.

One was a teacher: the tools they  
used were books and music and art;  
One was a parent with a guiding  
hand and gentle loving heart.

And when at last their work was  
done, they were proud of what they  
had wrought. For the things they  
had worked into the child could  
never be sold or bought!

And each agreed they would have  
failed if they had worked alone.  
For behind the parent stood the  
school, and behind the teacher  
stood the home!

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## The Croton-Harmon School District Art Department

### Vision & Mission Statement:

To produce independent, reflective  
thinkers in an inclusive, diverse  
environment, guided by lessons that  
engage and encourage creative  
problem-solving and risk taking.

ART CLASSES TEACH KIDS TO:  
RESPECT OTHERS START A DIALOGUE  
EXPERIMENT WITH MATERIALS OBSERVE  
FIND THEIR VOICE SELF-EVALUATE  
MAKE CONNECTIONS EXPRESS THEMSELVES  
LEARN FROM THEIR MISTAKES  
CLEAN UP REFLECT ON THEIR WORK  
EMBRACE DIVERSITY PERSEVERE  
HAVE AN OPINION APPRECIATE BEAUTY  
BREAK AWAY FROM STEREOTYPES  
ENVISION SOLUTIONS VALUE AESTHETICS  
SEE ANOTHER POINT OF VIEW INNOVATE



The true purpose of  
arts education is not  
necessapily to create  
more professional dancers  
or artists. It's to create  
more complete human  
beings who are critical  
thinkers, who have curious  
minds, who can lead  
productive lives.

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Celebrate Art!

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# Ten Lessons the Arts Teach



The arts teach children to make good judgments about qualitative relationships.

The arts teach children that problems can have more than one solution.



The arts celebrate multiple perspectives.

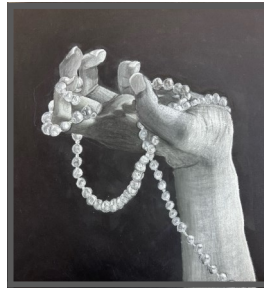
The arts teach children that when problem solving, sometimes the answers change with circumstance and opportunity.



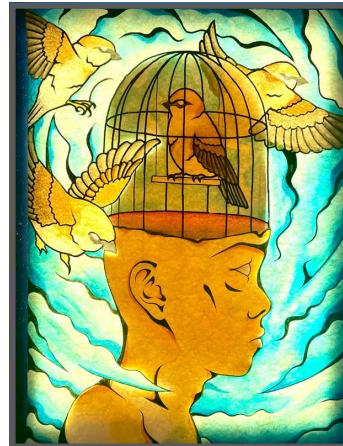
The arts can use language as a medium to emphasize and explore deep conceptual ideas.



The arts teach students to think through and within a material.



The arts teach students that small differences can have large effects.



The arts help children learn to say what cannot be said.



The arts enable us to have experiences we can have from no other source.



The arts' position in the school curriculum symbolizes to the young what adults believe is important.

