



The Clay Canvas

“Arts Education: An Integral Part of a Larger Visual Culture”

Visual Arts Workshop for Regular Classroom Teachers Grades 4-5

Friday March 1, 2013. 8:30am-3:00pm @ Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Exploring and experimenting with polymer clay gets children to exercise their hands and fingers to sense and shape the works they create. This workshop is designed to provide teachers and students the opportunity to collaborate through the medium of clay, and will allow each and every participant the capability to successfully create two and three-dimensional pieces of art.

This workshop will enable teachers to explore, reflect upon and interpret a variety of clay tablet/tile artworks that contain different symbols, messages, and narratives, from various time periods, civilizations and cultures. From ancient Babylon, Mayan, Aztec, Mesopotamia, Medieval times, to the First Nations people of Canada, are just some of the inspiration points associated with this event. Participants will develop an awareness and understanding that these artworks served a double purpose: to remember the traditions of old civilizations that continue to be alive, how they connect with the present, and to shed some light on how this affects the present culture that we are immersed in.

Participants will also be instructed on a variety of clay building techniques in order to create their own clay tablet inspired by: Tanya Besedina (local artist) and the works of artists from our past, using the elements and principles of design culture. They will be provided with a unit that contains lessons which explore the expectations outlined in Social Studies, Language Arts and Arts curriculum for the junior grades and a power point that engages discussion centered on the topics presented.

Presenter: Maria Tavares – Arts Resource Teacher-TCDSB

Note: Please register on **PAL** under **Curriculum** – use SEMS Code **77** to book a supply.

A light breakfast and lunch will be served. Presented and facilitated by: Maria Tavares Arts Resource South/West **For further information contact: maria.tavares@tcdsb.org**