

HELLO, FAMILY!

Over the next three weeks, our class will build their knowledge about art and creative talents, with a focus on the biography genre. We will read texts and view videos about how far your talents can take you. Children will also write an opinion essay about whether or not art is important by considering if art can be helpful and if people can learn from it.

BRING IT HOME! Learning fun for the whole family!

Discuss the Topic

Set aside time daily for your child to share with you what he or she is learning. Use these ideas to help build your child's knowledge about the topic:

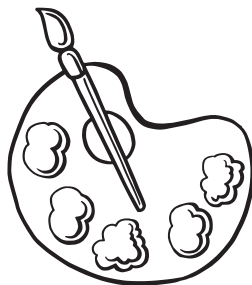
- Talk about the ideas your child has added to the Knowledge Map each week.
- Ask about the texts your child is reading and what he or she has learned from them.
- Share with your child your own questions about the topic, and work together to find the answers.

Explore the Genre

The genre focus in this module is biography. Discuss the characteristics of this genre, such as the true story of a real person's life.

Ask your child to read to you each day. Look for texts that:

- encourage your child's creative talents.
- discuss people your child admires.



Build Vocabulary

Use these ideas to help your child build a rich vocabulary.

The Big Idea Reinforce the topic words *sculpture*, *creativity*, *inspiration*, and *expressive* using prompts like these: What can you do to show your **creativity**? What gives you **inspiration**, and why?

What Does It Mean? Have your child keep a growing list of the Critical Vocabulary words. Quiz each other on their meanings.

Word Hunt Look for words with the suffixes *-ity*, *-ty*, *-er*, *-or*, *-ist* and prefixes *un-*, *in-* in books, magazines, online texts, and environmental print.