



Artists Savannah, age 9 and Zoe Van Block, age 8, L-R, pose with Zenna MacGregor of Art For Kids at a Spring Art Exhibit at the Sedona Arts Center



A Paul-Klee styled Cat and Bird painting created by Art For Kids' Desert Star 6th grade student Cedar Gardner



Natalie Montgomery, age 7, with her canvas "Peace Flag" created at Art For Kids in July Summer Camp

ART FOR KIDS

Don't be surprised if you see a bunch of wild animals on the West Sedona School campus this year. The reason: The school's youngest students are being given the chance to sign up for a six-week after-school art class titled "Animals in Art."

Using clay, acrylics, pastels, colored pencils and markers students will draw, paint and sculpt, create a whole menagerie of creatures in a variety of artistic styles. "It should be loads of fun," said Zenna MacGregor, executive director of Art For Kids, the Sedona nonprofit hired to conduct the program funded by a portion of the school's tax credit money.

The program will be offered to the first 15 students in kindergarten through 3rd grade. Registration is only \$20, with signups in the school office. The art class is a follow-up to the successful pilot of after-school sessions by Art For Kids in the winter and fall of last year. Principal Dr. Lisa Hirsch said she felt it was important to give children another option for extra-curricular activity.

You can also find Art For Kids busy on the Cornville campus of Desert Star Community School, a charter school for grades K-7 with a Waldorf-style curriculum based on the teachings of Rudolph Steiner. Art For Kids is back for its third year running the in-school program at Desert Star. Students grades 2-5 have a 1.5 hour art class once per week. Often the lessons are based on what children are working on in their main lesson books.

For instance, this week 5th graders just finished their block on Mesopotamia and made Sumerian cylinder seals out of real clay. Next ancient civilization is Egypt and they will use plaster-impregnated gauze to form masks and imitate mummification.

In the past three years Art For Kids has served thousands of children in the greater Verde Valley and has awarded over \$10,000.00 in scholarship assistance. "Our motto is 'where teaching art is a work of heart' and this is one place the heart comes in: helping families afford art for their children," said MacGregor. "With these offerings at West Sedona and Desert Star parents don't need to try to find extra money during this tight economy."




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