

My name is Makiko. I studied photography, but enjoy working with multi media and exploring new processes and materials. I have been working on monthly children's art workshop for past year and half. I am always preparing projects that would be flexible for range of skills and interest in art as well as age groups. The process of art can be as complex or as simple as the student wants it to be. I found it interesting that no matter the age of children, there are some who like to have materials and steps laid out and some who would take the materials and run with them. At end of each session, I am always amazed with children's ability to be creative. There are so much power in children's mind when an opportunity is given to explore.

I have always been strong believer in art as method that brings out creativity in children's learning process. When our mind is active and creative, we are engaged learners. The experience of art infusion learning would enhance the course material and lead to deeper exploration of the subject matter.

My dream partnership would be collaborating with teachers to create an output that can be shared with the community. Much of the learning stays with in the classroom but if the accomplishment can be shared with the community, it would enhance children's pride as well as sense of belonging to the community. In this project, I would share the art to the community by creating a short movie or slide show of the art work. Then showcase the movie or slideshow on the large wall in the city or outdoor screen similar to the screen that is used for showing a movie in the park.

