Grade Level(s): 4-5

LESSON PLAN

Duration: 2 class periods (90 minutes)

Title: Pastel Sunflowers

Visual Arts Standard:

Objective(s):

- Understand who Vincent Van Gogh is.
- Understand what a still life is.
- Analyze characteristics of Van Gogh's sunflower still lifes.
- Create a sunflower drawing using glue and pastels.

Essential Question(s):

- Who is Vincent Van Gogh?
- What kind of painting style did Van Gogh have?
- What are some important aspects of Van Gogh's sunflower paintings?
- How can you create a sunflower drawing inspired by Van Gogh?

Materials & Resources:

- 9x12 or larger gray paper
- Pencil
- Sharpie
- Glue
- Soft pastels
- PowerPoint presentation

Activities:

- Introduce the lesson using the PowerPoint presentation.
- Discuss the Van Gogh and his sunflower paintings.
- Demonstrate how to draw a sunflower.
- Students draw along to create their sunflower.
- Students trace sunflower with sharpie and then glue.
- Once dry, students color their art with soft pastels.

Wrap up/Assessment:

- Clean up work area
- Complete exit ticket or share art with a friend.