

Meredith Arcari Luciano Arcari Flora: My Garden Grows

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Program Type Workshop | Residency

Art Form Visual Art

Curriculum/a STEM | Social and Emotional Learning | Environmental Awareness | Language Arts / Literacy

Target Grades Elementary School (1st - 5th grade) | Middle School (6th - 8th grade) | Early Childhood (PreK-K)

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Testimonial

Having the opportunity to work with AFLCT has been truly beneficial; they've provided unique experiences that have positively impacted our students. Their professional artists are strong role-models who encouraged students to take risks, find their voices, and be confident young people. They assisted in the process of inspiring our students to discover their individual identities and be able to self-assuredly express and share their ideas and opinions.

Description

Program Options:

1. My Garden Grows: This lesson provides a natural link between observational skills exercised in both science and art. Students will merge their observations from life experience and artwork seen in *The Tiny Seed* by Eric Carle about plant phases from seed to adult. Students will create their own My Garden Grows composition using collage techniques.
2. Arcari Flora: Soils Color, Texture, and Winter Sleep In this lesson, students will grasp the significance of maintaining healthy soil and acquire skills to enhance it, and learn about soil-dwelling creatures, big and small, through the book, *Over and Under the Snow*, by Kate Messner. They will broaden their understanding of the environment and what animals need to live. To demonstrate their comprehension, students will produce a composition depicting distinct layers of soil and its texture through printmaking methods. Using collage techniques, students will select and create wildlife that lives beneath the snow.
3. Arcari Flora: Mason Bee Hotel Students will learn about the variety of bees and other pollinators through visual aids and by reading the book, *"Bee"* by Britta Teekentrup. They will then create a Mason Bee hotel using various materials, including a can, straw, cloth, ribbon, and string. Students will understand how Mason bees are beneficial to the environment and how to bring mason bees into their own neighborhood to help pollinate vegetables, fruit, and flowers.
<https://www.arcariflora.com/mason-bee-hotel>

Objectives

1. My Garden Grows:

Students will merge their observations from life experience and artwork seen in *The Tiny Seed* by Eric Carle about plant phases from seed to adult. I can create My Garden Grows composition using collage techniques.

2. Arcari Flora: Soils Color, Texture, and Seasonal Winter Sleep

I can highlight the different soil layers. I can discuss what animals need to live and the different seasons. I can point out soil-dwelling creatures in North East habitat.

3. Arcari Flora: Mason Bee Hotel

I can understand the importance of caring for our environment and the insects that live in it. I can understand how our food is pollinated and how increasing the pollinator population will help the neighborhood. I can acknowledge the connection we have with nature. I can create a mason bee hotel.

Pricing Information

\$515 for the first workshop,
\$145 for each additional workshop.

Program Length

60-90 Minutes
Short Residency Option Available

Participants

25-30 students

Technical Specifications