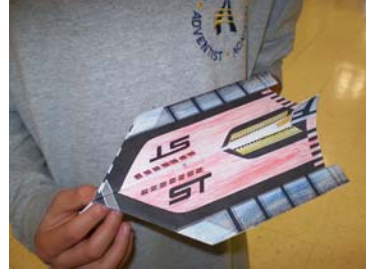


Kevin's Airplanes

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As soon as I entered the classroom he assailed me. "Do you have it? Did you remember?"

I had remembered to bring the airplane patterns along with their directions so that Kevin could transform a plain ordinary sheet of paper into a master piece of colour and design.



What do we do with the "Kevins" and "Kathys" in our classrooms? Do you have a venue by which they can vent their artistic abilities? Let me recommend a Fine Arts Festival.

For the past three years the Ontario Conference has sponsored a Fine Arts Festival for our children who are artistically inclined. You may wish to recognize your gifted children in a conference wide, regional wide or even in a local school wide setting.

Here is how.

1. Choose a theme.
2. Choose a handwriting component for each grade level. (Cursive, manuscript, calligraphy) Choose a Bible text that is age appropriate and is in line with your theme. Provide paper that is uniform for each grade level.
3. Choose one or two art projects which are age appropriate and which focus on one or more aspects of art. For example:
 - Kindergarten – cutting, colouring, pasting
 - Grade 1,2 - cutting, colouring, symmetry
 - Grade 3,4 - clay modeling, art with textures, drawing
 - Grade 5,6 painting, pastels, monochromatic colour schemes, markers
 - Grades 7,8 Pointillism, tessellations, pastels, paints
4. Incorporate as many different mediums and art methods that you can.
5. Set a date for the Art Festival.
6. Ask a set of independent judges to grade the projects.
7. Present the projects to the public.
8. At the end of the year program while you are recognizing those with academic achievements recognize those who placed in the Art Festival.

The Ontario Conference has incorporated a musical component into the Fine Arts Festival and choirs or bands from each school share musical numbers in a grand concert.

Always encourage all intelligences

Recognize different talents

Teach art techniques

Foster Creativity

Awake awareness of the God's Word
Integrate other subjects into Art
Recognize student's abilities

Have fun and let those Kevins and Kathys shine.

