

# Art at Prairie Creek

## Why Art?



The art studio at Prairie Creek is a place where children begin to discover their unique inner voices and true colors, inspired by the process of creating. Through meaningful and emergent art

experiences, children develop an awareness and appreciation for others, honoring individual differences, and in turn learn about themselves.



This awareness leads to a deep understanding of how we all have our own unique way of creating, working at our own pace, finding our rhythm as artists. Through art, children at Prairie Creek

connect to their whole learning by using their hands, hearts, and minds together to create, communicate, and blossom!

## What does art class look like at Prairie Creek?



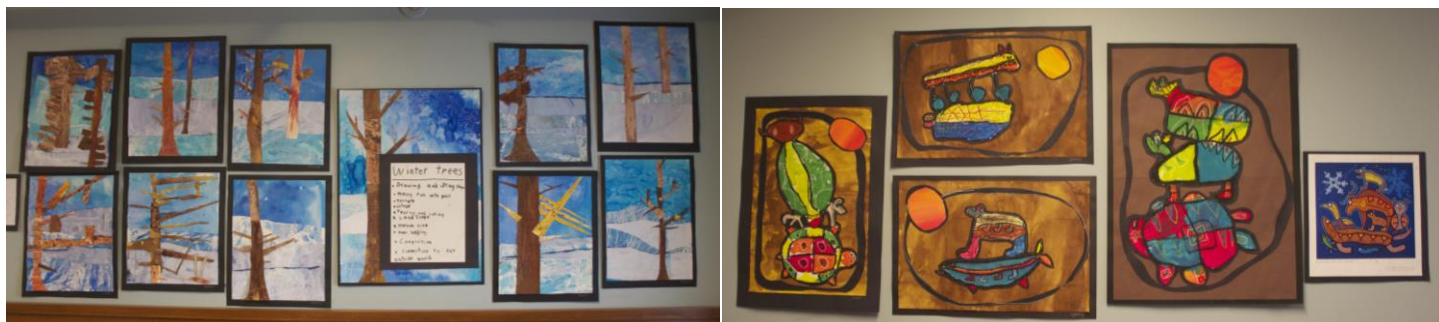
Our art lessons focus on discovery and exploration. When children are encouraged to work at their own pace and find their inner artistic spirit, this allows them to feel safe and take risks that blossom beyond the art studio.

With a focus on process, children are able to gain skills and concepts relating to art. Art concepts are taught through instruction based on the elements and principals of design. Children use a variety of art materials and techniques, designed to develop creative expression as well as visual language and vocabulary.



# True Colors

Mark your calendar for the 2018 True Colors Art Show: **March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2018**



True Colors is our annual Prairie Creek evening of the arts. This is a wonderful event where we come together as a community of artists, to celebrate and create art! Our school transforms into an art gallery for families to see the work of our artists as well as create their own unique work of art as a way to understand process and see the story of our learning. This event also integrates a culminating celebration of our yearly arts residency.

## Meet the Art Teacher:



Angie Ekern has a passion for guiding children in meaningful art experiences. She began teaching art at Prairie Creek in 2009 and feels so fortunate to be a part of this amazing school. Previous to Prairie Creek, Angie taught at Sibley Elementary School in Northfield for 5 years, earning her masters degree in education during this time with a focus on the integration of art and literacy. Before moving to Northfield in 2003, Angie taught art in Eugene, Oregon, having numerous amazing experiences including teaching at a Waldorf school. Prior to this, Angie obtained her B.F.A. in K-12 Art Education through the University of Minnesota Duluth. Angie lives in a little blue house on Plum Street in Northfield with her husband Chris, two children, Elias and Frances, and a dog named Mikko.

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