

Grade Levels(s): K , 1st , 2nd , 3rd , 4th , 5th , 6th , 7th ,  
8th , 9th , 10th , 11th , 12th  
Subject(s): ELA

Wonder of the Day #1154  
**Can Writing Be Art?**

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## Making "art" 45 min

### Objective:

Remind kids that tools for self-expression (pencils, crayons, paints) are readily available.

Ideally - it is hoped that parents will be encouraged to avail themselves to the [Cleveland Art Museum](#) for the [Jean-Michel Basquiat](#) show.

### Big Idea:

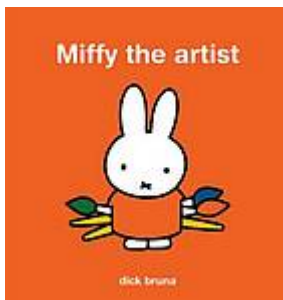
Drawing and painting, like hand-writing, are fundamental skills for communicating and self-expression.

## 1. Warm Up / Anticipatory 5 min

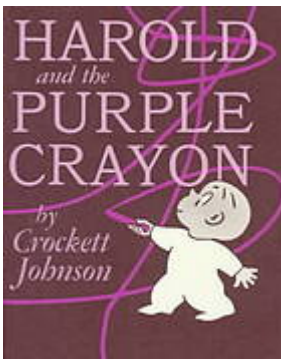
What is an artist? Have kids explain what art means to them. What are the tools that artists use in their work?

## 2. Investigation and New Learning 20 min

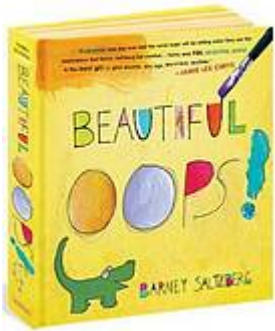
Read [Miffy the Artist](#) by Dick Bruna



[Harold and the Purple Crayon](#) by Crockett Johnson

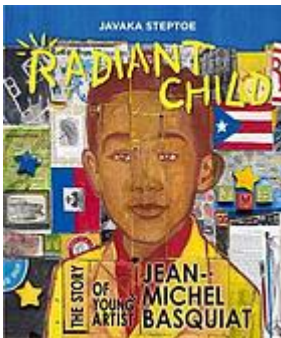


[Beautiful Oops](#) by Barney Saltzberg



We generally program for preK, but this can be expanded to higher levels by adding:

[Radiant Child: the story of artist Jean-Michel Basquiat](#) by Javaka Steptoe



Jean-Michel Basquiat and his unique, collage-style paintings rocked to fame in the 1980s as a cultural phenomenon unlike anything the art work had ever seen. But before that, he was a little boy who saw art everywhere: in poetry books and museums, in games and in the words that we speak, and in the pulsing energy of New York City. Now, award-winning illustrator Javaka Steptoe's vivid text and bold artwork echoing Basquiat's own introduce young readers to the powerful message and art doesn't always have to be neat or clean--and definitely not inside the lines--to be beautiful

## 3. Review & Check for Understanding 30 min

We will be using the [Wax-Resistant technique](#) to draw and paint on watercolor paper

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