

Visual Arts at Monarch School

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Monarch School believes that personal expression finds many forms, and we offer a comprehensive Fine Arts curriculum through which students learn to explore their creative nature. Monarch School's Visual Art students Explore their creative nature. Monarch

School's Visual Art students learn basic drawing

and painting skills, to advanced art class tailored to the individual's creative art needs. Currently, Monarch School's art class has been exploring the idea "if I were an animal what would I be?" In Art I and Art II students are drawing masks of the specific animal that they would identify with – students have been researching ancient Egyptian art and Native American cultures.



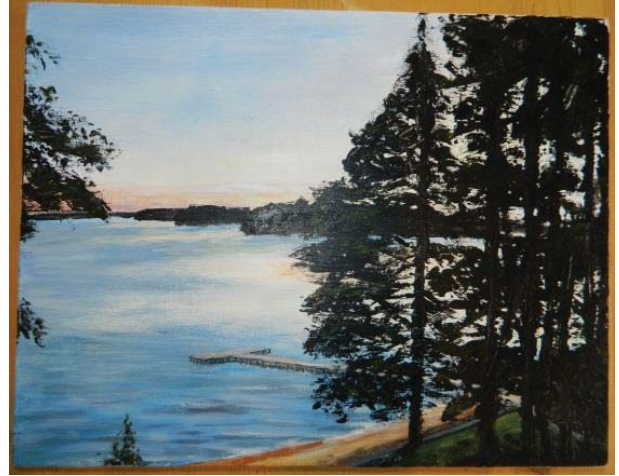
Here's what a few students mentioned during this exploration:

"Red Eyed Tree Frog. It's ugly but awesome."

"Yeah, I have the legs of a kangaroo."

"Yeah, I think I'm a goat."

"I want to see what an aardvark really looks like....hey they're good diggers. They look like little pigs...maybe I'm a giraffe."



Student Testimony with artwork pictured above: *"Painting for me has been an exploration of life color and my creative ability. I started painting at Monarch School on my own. I utilized both the drawing and painting class to enhance my basic skills. Monarch School has allowed me to explore the Montana landscape and the time to paint it. The instruction for art is very prevalent especially with many of the talented students and staff. Painting truly has been an adventure for me."*

- Current Monarch School Student

Pictured below are other works of art from Monarch students:

