

Preparing for your Outdoor Artmaking Experience

We're looking forward to meeting your class outdoors! On the day and time that you have booked, an AFK art teacher will be joining your class outside your school. We will engage your class in discussion about art and share a hands-on activity with a focus on play-based and place-based learning.

In order to make the most of your experience and to prepare your class, we ask that you do the following activities in advance:

1. 30-60min: **Play Exhibition Introduction Video:** View the introduction to the exhibition video with your class and carry out the activities and discussions demonstrated in it. The video introduction for primary grades can be found on the [AFK website on the Gallery Program page](#). The video is 8 minutes long.

Activity Preparation:

1. Every student will need the following supplies to complete the art activity:
 - 4 small square sheets of paper (roughly 3" x 3")
 - 1 drawing tool such as a black sharpie, dark marker, or dark crayon
 - 1 glue stick
 2. 1 large piece of paper to be used for a class collage
2. Share with your class that an art teacher from AFK will be visiting your school and will be making art with your class outdoors. They will continue to learn about the *Play* exhibition and will make art outside considering the following question: what do we learn when we play?
 3. Optional: To learn more about the exhibition, view the [Virtual Tour of the Play Exhibition](#) video (15min) found on the AFK website on the Gallery Program page. Additionally, explore the document [Play - Artists and Artworks](#) which provides an overview of the artworks in the exhibition, grouped into 6 themes. This document can also be found on the AFK website on the Gallery Program page.
 4. Prepare your class for their 1.5 hour outdoor learning experience. Please consider the following:
 - We will carry out our session rain or shine! Please make sure that you and your students are dressed appropriately for the weather. This might include rain gear, rubber boots, and warm layers.
 - The activity will be carried out on the school grounds.
 - The AFK art teacher will bring all necessary art materials.

Extending Learning after your Interactive Virtual Gallery Tour: Make Art!

Making art will extend and enhance your students' learning about the *Play* exhibition and related themes. Choose one (or more!) of the AFK ArtReach videos and carry out the demonstrated art activity with your class. Each AFK ArtReach video this fall and winter is designed to reflect themes from the *Play* exhibition. Art activities are planned considering a variety of grade levels. Choose an activity that best suits your class, their interests, and your curricular goals.

AFK ArtReach Videos can be found [here](#):

<https://www.sd44.ca/school/artistsforkids/learn/afkartvideos/Pages/default.aspx#/=>

Share Student Artwork

We love to see student creations! Please share finished student artwork with us by emailing images to AFK. Please obtain permission to share the artwork from the student and provide student name, grade level, and school name in the file name of each image (i.e. Hannah_Grade 7_ClevelandElementary.jpg). We will be sharing images of student artwork via the AFK website, social media, the SD44 website, and on screens at the Education Services Centre throughout the 2020-2021 school year.

Email finished artwork to: **AFKArtReach@sd44.ca**