

very talented children who all have special gifts..... music, dance, singing, art, drawing, and laughter, it's been a treat getting to know them and seeing them grow.

Wow, it's been a great week! We've survived the heat and been very creative with our indoor and outdoor fun; collecting fossils, crossing the Nile River, and defeating the pirates as they tried to conquer another island in Greece. You've



We began our journey through time by traveling back to pre-historic ages when dinosaurs freely roamed the earth. Using the masters as inspiration the children created a dinosaur using a layer of acrylic paint and then oil pastels. **Jean-Michel Basquiat** was the first artist we explored. He was an American artist who rose to success during the 1980s as part of the Neo-expressionism movement.

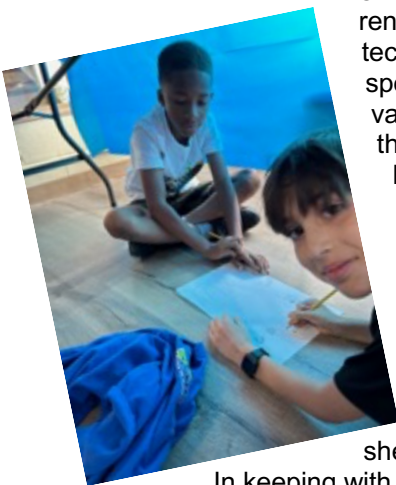
We next traveled to Egypt, the land of the pyramids and sphynx. The children enjoyed kneading and blending the polymer clay as they created jeweled necklaces with an Egyptian cat at the center. They also spent some time learning hieroglyphics as they wrote their name and decorated their Egyptian.



Next stop; Greece! We traveled along the beautiful Aegean sea to the many islands of Greece against the backdrop of artist **Alma Woodsey Thomas** an African-American artist and teacher who lived and worked in Washington, D.C., and is now recognized as a major American painter of the 20th century. Thomas is best known for the "exuberant", colorful, abstract paintings that she created after she retired from a 35-year career teaching art. Her most noted work – "Resurrection" appears in the Whitehouse. Modeling her style, the children practiced lines and edges and the use of space in creating mosaic tiles or coasters.



On Thursday they will work with acrylic paints to create a wonderful rendition of Van Gough's famous "The Starry Night". They will learn techniques about shadows, mixing colors, and brush strokes. We'll also spend some time in Africa and create a unique African Mask out of a variety of media. On Friday before the Show Case Gallery we'll journey to the future and create some unique robots using upcycled materials as templates and frames. Did I say Show Case Gallery?... please join us on **Friday between 11:45 and 12:15 pm...** to see all the wonderful creations of your children.



During the afternoons we engage in our performing art section. On Monday we had some fun with music and song and dancing back in the 1970's to "Car Wash". See if they can teach you the infamous clap sequence.

Yesterday and today, we had a wonderful guest artist – Ms. Andrea Belser McCormick, a very talented performing artist encompassing singing, acting, and dance. As all actors do, she began with warmups from head to toe. including the voice, body, and imagination.

In keeping with our theme of Time Travel, the kids had fun learning the "Time Warp"... great dancers and actors in the group.

Well, I hope your child is enjoying their week of art camp; perhaps made a friend, learned a new technique, or been challenged and surprised at what they can do... We enjoyed them!... Thanks for letting us have a little fun... and perhaps put the first mark on the next "Picasso" !!!!

Your Arts Camp Team

