

4th Grade Summer Language Arts Project (for students entering 4th grade in August 2009)

Your assignment over the summer: Do research and prepare an informational presentation on any person or topic related to an art major of your choice at SCPA. The arts majors at SCPA include creative writing, dance, drama, instrumental music, vocal music, and visual arts. The idea is to research and write a presentation about a famous arts person or arts topic related to an art major. (It does not need to be your particular art major at SCPA.)

Example: DANCE = Research and present about the famous dancer Mikhail Baryshnikov
INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC = Research and present on how the trumpet is made
VISUAL ARTS = Research and present about the famous painter Vincent Van Gogh

- **Due date:** Be prepared and ready to go by August 24th. Not everyone will present their report on the first day, but everyone needs to be ready to go when I call their name.

How to prepare:

- Think of an arts person or arts topic that interests you or that you want to learn more about.
- Read a lot about that person/topic from books or magazine articles.
- As you read, take notes on information and interesting facts.
- Organize your notes in an order that makes sense.
- Write your presentation as a summary with a clear beginning, middle, end and include interesting facts so that your classmates will want to listen to you.
- Practice your presentation so many times that you can present it to the class without reading it.

What to include in your presentation:

- An introduction that includes your name, major, previous school and title of book and articles you read.
- A summary of what you read about your person/topic that is interesting to listen to.
- Five interesting facts about your person/topic presented in a **FUN** way
- A conclusion that wraps up your presentation

Checklist

How you will be graded on your presentation:

- ___ Your report was interesting.
- ___ Your report was organized.
- ___ Your report included five interesting facts.
- ___ Your report includes a summary about your person/topic that is organized.
- ___ You looked at your audience. You did not just read your report.
- ___ You spoke clearly so that everyone could understand you.
- ___ You spoke loudly enough for everyone to hear you.