

IN THE MIDDLE: Art at Krueger environmentally friendly

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Krueger Middle School offers many classes, but one very special class is Environmental Art. This year the art classes have done six major projects. They include ceramics, one point perspective, plaster casting, multimedia painting, cross contour, and a line drawing. Each project usually takes around 2 to 5 weeks to complete, but the teacher, Ms. Ehrhardt, says lessons take as long as the students need them to. She works around the pace of her kids, so no one gets left behind. Ms. Ehrhardt says she likes all of the projects she assigns, so choosing just one is difficult, but she says, the one point perspective project was her favorite.



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Ms. Ehrhardt has previous experience in working with art. She was an artist for 30 years. Most of her inspiration comes from being an artist herself and doing research on ideas she thinks would be good for middle school students. She's previously worked at the Boys and Girls Club, South Chicago Art Center, and Enclave Project Victory Christian Private School.

When 8th grade art student, Hannah Toy, was asked what her favorite project was, she said, "There was a project where we all made hand sculptures and that was my favorite." Student art work is on display all over Krueger so that all students enjoy our art program even if they might not have art class in their schedule.

Since Krueger is an environmental school our art program is also very environmentally friendly; some projects even use things such as sticks and leaves. Principal Vera Jones encourages the use of renewable and nonrenewable resources that would otherwise end up in things like landfills. Looking at the art around the building you would never guess that much of it was made out of something meant to be garbage.

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