

## Program: Mapping Portland

Grade: 3

Content Area(s): Literacy, Social Studies, Math Arts Area(s): Mapping, Illustration, Painting

Unit Length: 10-12 weeks Side x Side hours: 8-10

## **Key Features**

- Aligned with Common Core and Next Generation standards and Maine learning results in Visual and Performing arts
- Integrated with school and grade level curriculum
- Learning focused on aspects of neighborhoods and community; conducting research to answer questions; writing informative narratives; working collaboratively to identify essential symbology
- Students impart results of research and learning through informational writing and layered artistic maps; creating new content to reinforce and enhance understanding
- Customized programming schedule with approximately 8-10 teaching artist hours in classroom
- Program Kickoff with teaching artist and content experts
- Program Showcase event during which students express their knowledge and understanding of our city using their maps as aids

## **Benefits**

- Fully engages students
- Creates better readers and writers
- Develops critical thinking skills: comparing, hypothesizing, exploring multiple viewpoints
- Connects learning to personal experiences for deeper understanding
- Applies reasoning and problem-solving skills
- Builds collaboration and communication skills
- Fosters positive culture and climate in school
- Enhances creativity
- Develops persistence