

Art is not an add-on

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Art is not an add-on to the curriculum at Millner Primary School where art teacher Korin Lesh and animator Al Oldfield engaged in four consecutive years of making screen products with students from T-6. Millner PS received numerous grants for arts animating projects including two Artists in Residence Grants. This funding enabled Millner to employ artists—in particular Al Oldfield—to teach students animation and production skills. For three years the second semester in the art studio was dedicated to an animation focus. The art room became a hub of technology, design, and teamwork as students produced their own animated films. Students developed skills, fell in love with art classes and created award winning screen products that built capacity in the students and the school community.