WorkCard for Fine Arts

This WorkCard is a collection of resources, ideas, suggestions, etc., with the purpose of stimulating thought and discussion about modernizing your area of teaching. Nothing is “prescribed” here. This is a list, in no order of prioritization, to move a conversation forward. Take this time to investigate options.

**Music:**

Cultivate instruction that fosters the ability to take in/ receive meaning and insight from performance

* Concentrate on specific works from an array of both classical traditions and new direction with periodic music literacy benchmark tasks
* Include new, modern forms in music and add a global component
* Expand the study of music: multimedia forms and fusion between them and the performing arts
* Expose students in greater depth to encounters with specific performances from a full array of musical arts

Cultivate instruction that fosters the ability to express/ generate meaning and insight through performance

* Sustain classical traditions while inviting learners to use modern tools to express human condition in their time
  + Electronic orchestra [www.coolcleveland.com](http://www.coolcleveland.com)
  + 21st century music program that respects and builds on the rich traditions of classical music and acknowledges new forms of expression
* Incorporate contemporary tools in the expression, creation, and sharing of individual works
* Link globally with joint performances

**Art:**

Cultivate instruction that fosters the ability to take in/receive meaning and insight from artwork

* Concentrate on specific works from an array of both classical traditions and new direction with periodic arts literacy benchmark tasks
* Expose students in greater depth to encounters with specific works from a full array of art fields
* Students sketch a great work of their choice then comment in depth about what the painter is saying to them through the painting
* Virtual aesthetic encounters
  + View masterworks – dynamic Web sites with classroom materials and supportive lesson plans
  + Kennedy Center’s ArtsEdge <http://artsedge.kennedy-center.org>, specific museums and art groups

Cultivate instruction that fosters the ability to express /generate meaning and insight through artwork

* Sustain classical traditions while inviting learners to use modern tools to express human condition in their time
* Incorporate contemporary tools in the expression, creation, and sharing of individual works
* Communicating artistically
  + Expanding art forms: fuse multimedia forms with filmmaking and visual arts
  + Second Life
  + Include new, modern forms in all areas of the arts while adding a global component
  + Link globally with joint art projects
  + Have annual film festival with entries in a range of categories, including documentaries and narratives

If you have extra time, you might find out what tools Google has to offer for free. Pretty amazing! <http://www.smashingapps.com/2009/01/13/11-great-hidden-things-google-can-do-that-you-should-know.html>