

AMI Lessons for Art

1. Day one:
 - a. Draw 3 of your favorite winter time characters. (Example: penguins, snow man, Santa Claus, rein deer, elf etc.) in a winter scene.
 - b. Add color.
 - c. Write a paragraph (minimum of 5 sentences) using complete sentences explaining your choice.
2. Day 2
 - a. Think about where you see art out in your community.
 - b. Write down as many as you can but at least 3.
 - c. Draw the one that you relate to the most.

Example maybe the bucket from KFC or a graffiti on the side of a railroad car or maybe the stain glass at church.
3. Day 3
 - a. Draw your family at a holiday get together
 - b. Add color.
 - c. Write a paragraph (minimum of 5 sentences) using complete sentences describing the holiday event.
4. Day 3
 - a. Draw a representation of your favorite sports team
 - b. Add color.
 - c. Write a paragraph (minimum of 5 sentences) using complete sentences explaining your choice and why you like the team you drew.
5. Day 4
 - a. Read the article below
 - b. Write a summary paragraph by answering the questions below
 - i. What is the title?
 - ii. Who is the author of this article?
 - iii. What is the main idea
 - iv. How many boys & girls clubs participated?
 - v. How old was the youngest and the oldest winner?
 - vi. What happened to their art work?

Kids' transportation-themed artworks adorn sides of Ventura County public buses

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Tariq Ali, 14, of Newbury Park, is happy that his artwork is finally getting some recognition.

A transit-themed drawing he created adorns the side of a Ventura County Transportation Commission bus.

"I'm glad that some of my art has gone public," said Tariq, a Newbury Park High School student who has been drawing for about seven years. "It's really cool because I now have some recognition for my art."

Tariq is one of seven young people roughly ages 10-14 who have been chosen as winners in an art contest held this past summer by the commission and seven Boys & Girls Clubs in Ventura County.

The winners' artworks are now being displayed on the sides of five of the commission's intercity buses. They will continue to be displayed through the spring.

The goal of the contest was to engage young people in thinking about the role of transportation in their lives and communities, the commission said.

Using the theme, "Oh, the places you'll go," the commission asked kids at the seven Boys & Girls Clubs to create an original drawing or painting depicting a place in their community they'd like to visit and how they planned to get there.

A winner was chosen from each of the seven clubs.

Tariq, a volunteer at the Rocky and Lon Morton Boys & Girls Club in Newbury Park, won for a drawing of the earth that used some watercolors in the background.

"It has all these different transportation items like buses and cars and trains and stuff," he said. "It has the Boys & Girls Club icon in the ocean and a red and orange sky."

Winners and their art

Another winner was Leila Martinez, 11, of the Boys & Girls Club of Camarillo, who drew Bob Kildee Community Park near the club.

Her drawing depicts "my time at the park and how I know it by heart," she said. "I'm proud of it."

She said being a winner makes her feel "special because I got picked out of a bunch of other people."

Her mother, Rachelle Martinez, said Leila "finds every excuse to doodle and doodling is in her blood. She always takes her time to do a lot of detail and color."

The other winners are:

- Joselyn E, 13, Boys & Girls Club of Ventura Oak View.
- Jocelyn A, 12, Boys & Girls Club of Greater Oxnard and Port Hueneme.
- Abi, 10, Boys & Girls Club of Santa Clara Valley.
- Maryem, 13, Boys & Girls Club of Simi Valley.
- Savannah, 13, Boys & Girls Club of Moorpark.

