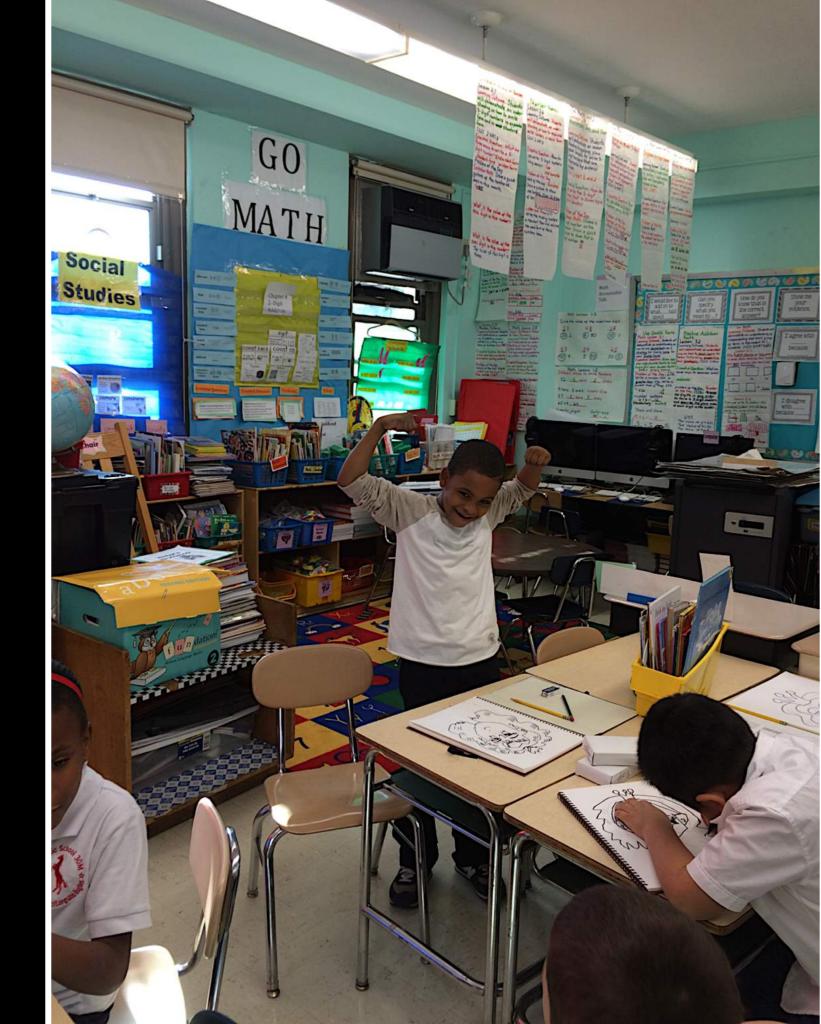
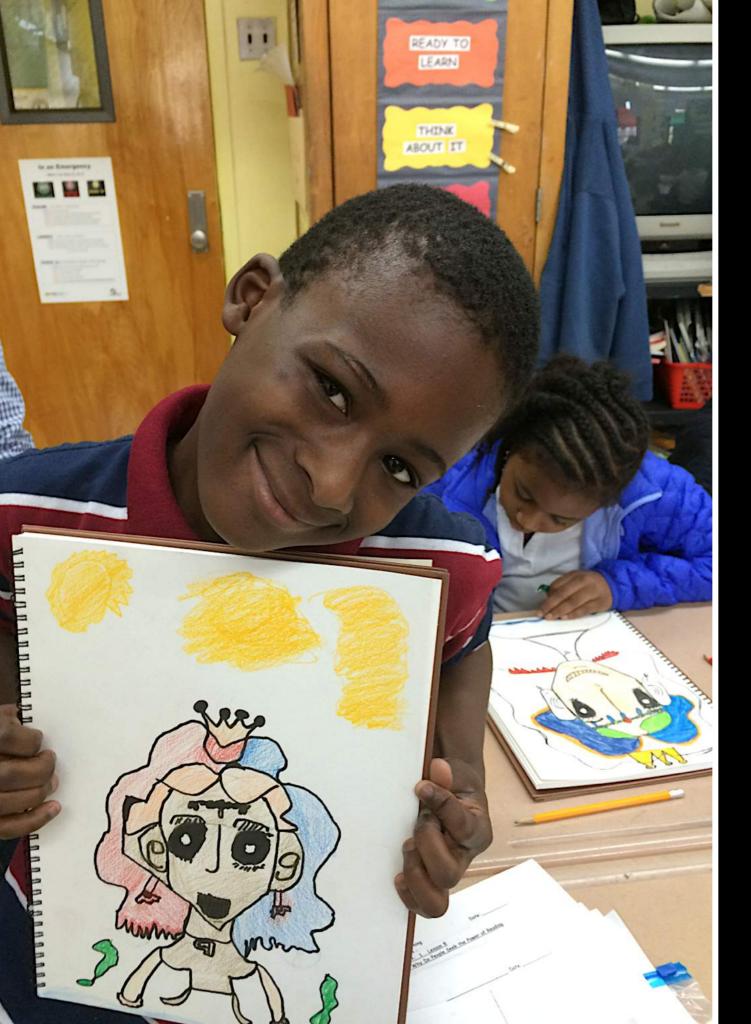


Arty Readers: An Operatic/Literary Journey through Manga and Contemporary Art in Pictures

As children move toward the critical pre-teen years, peer pressure increases, standardized tests begin: the demands of their world intensify.





Now, more than ever, kids need a way to engage, to develop passions and skills they can count on, and to feel accomplished.

The majority of kids in our schools live at or below the poverty line.

Opportunities for enrichment are limited.

Time In is about leveling the playing field. Equality, Opportunity, Access.



First and foremost, Arty Readers is about

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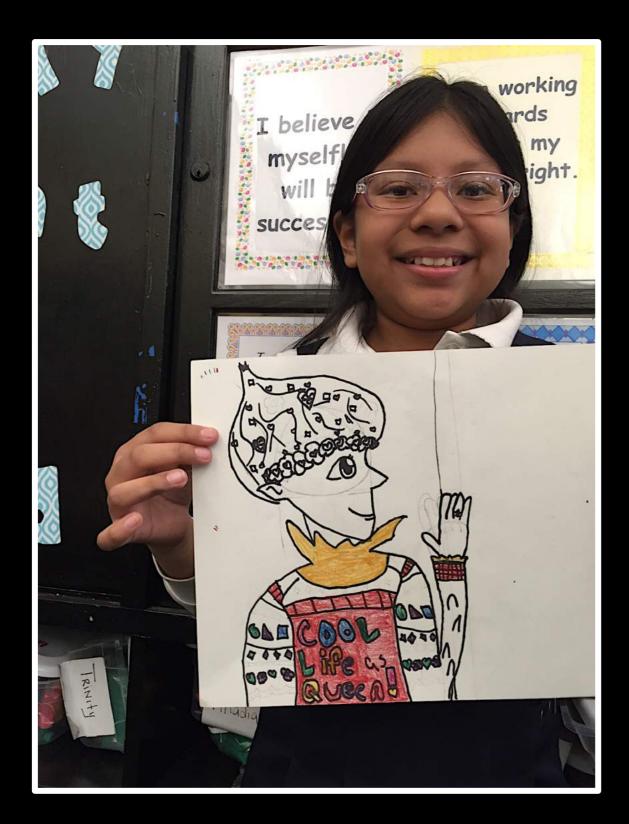
Just like Opera 'N Art,
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takes an opera apart scene by scene
through hands-on art.

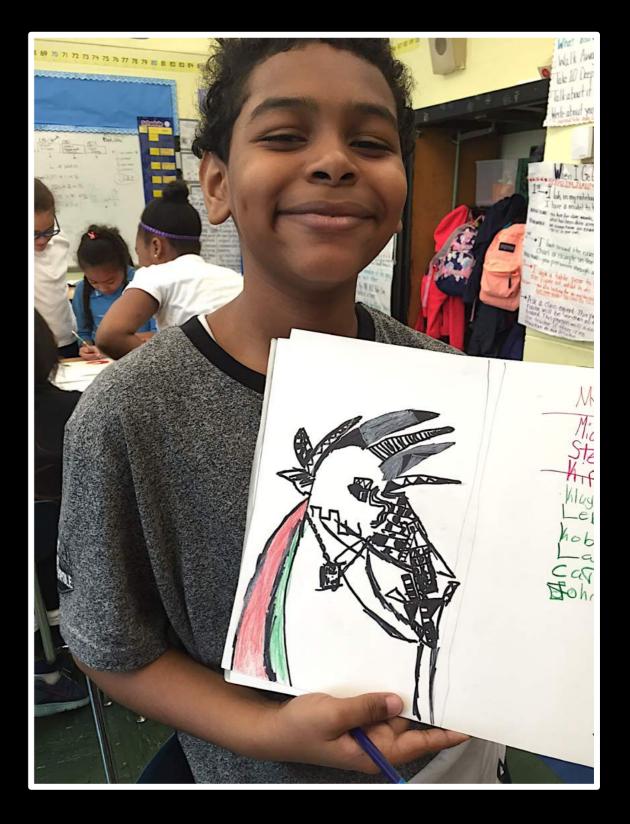
Kids watch videos of live performances

– in original languages –
from the world's leading opera houses.

They study one opera over the course of the full school year.

And do super-cool manga style drawings of each character in the opera. Titania and Bottom from Britten's A Midsummer Night's Dream.



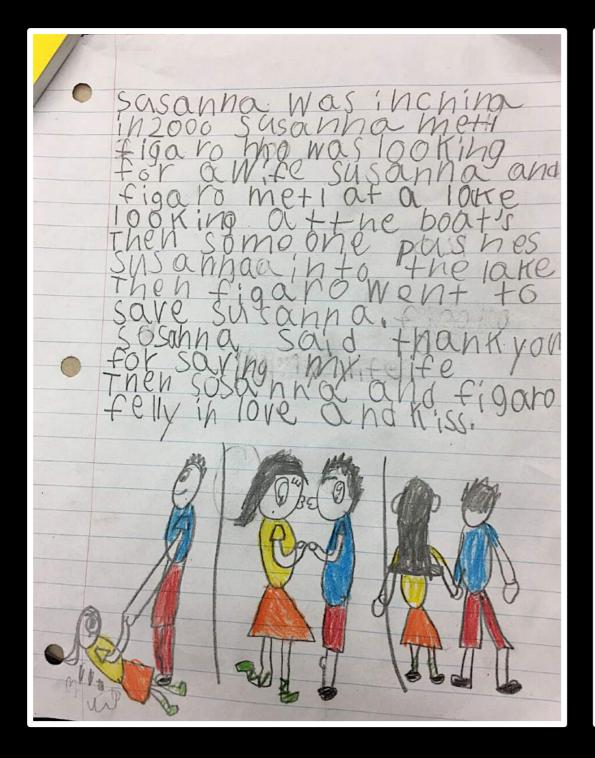


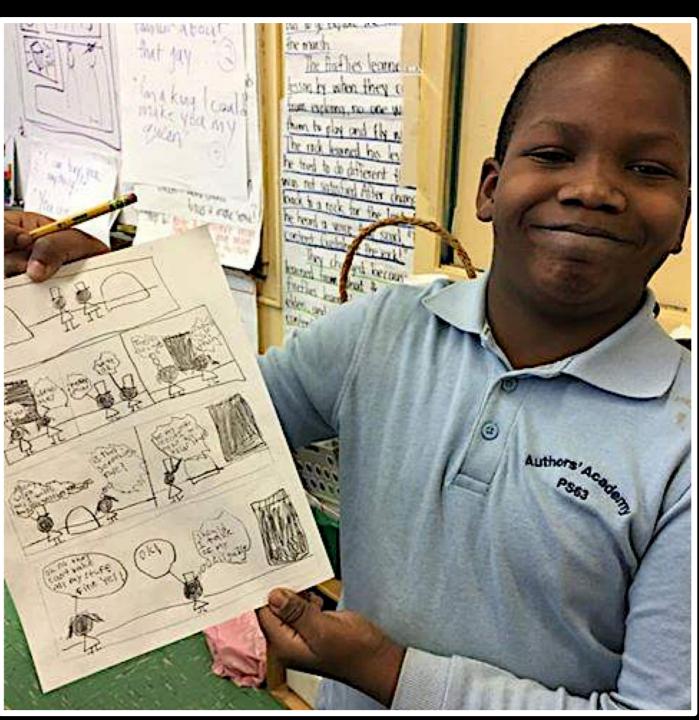


Kids are encouraged to include speech bubbles in their drawings. This is Kiri Te Kanawa as Countess singing Porgi Amor.



And, finally, in conjunction with our study of the opera, they develop their own scripts and comics.



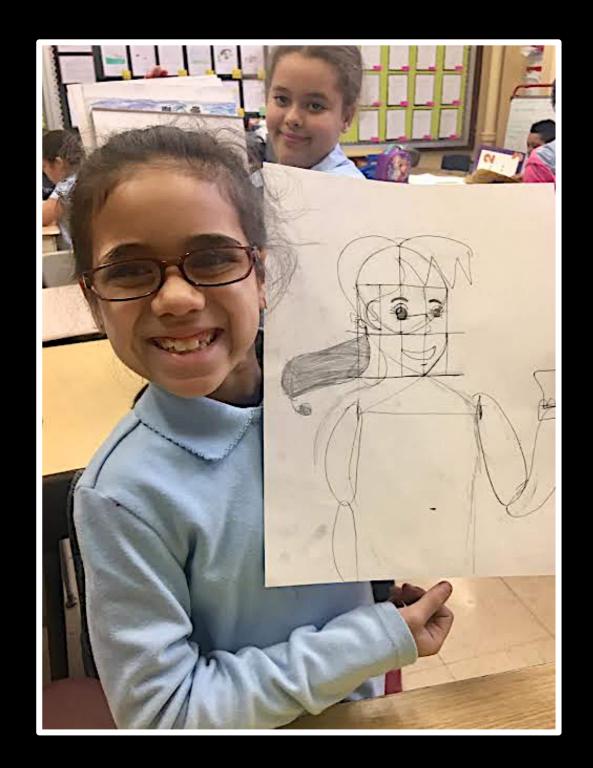


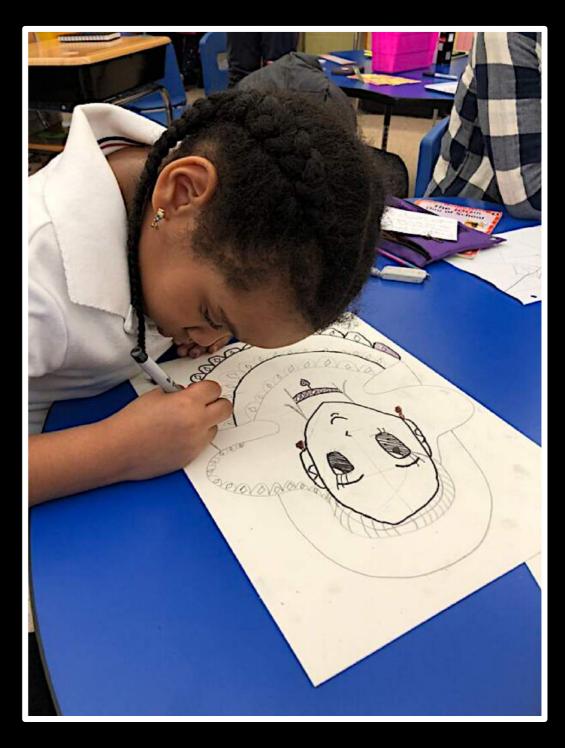
The drawings begin with techniques based on the popular Japanese art of manga.





We use a method of multiple guidelines that asks kids to follow each step-by-step drawing with intense concentration and focus. Complex drawings can even go on over two full sessions.

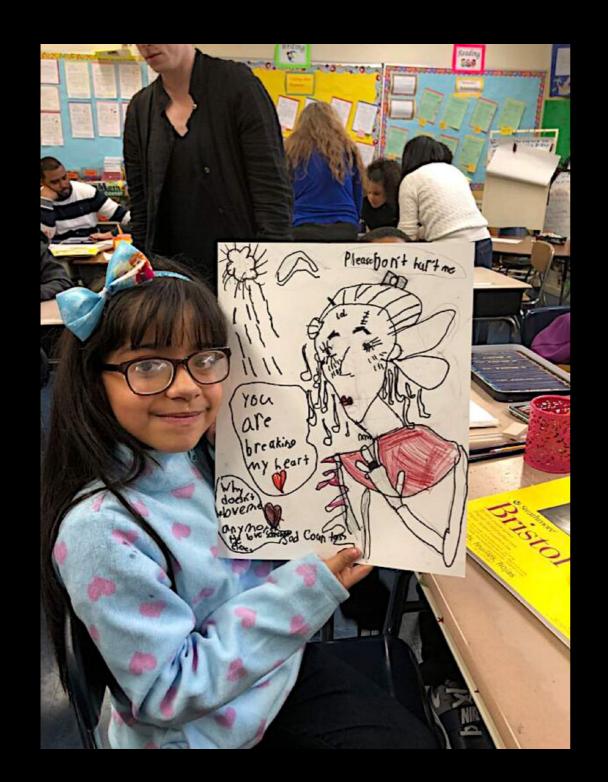


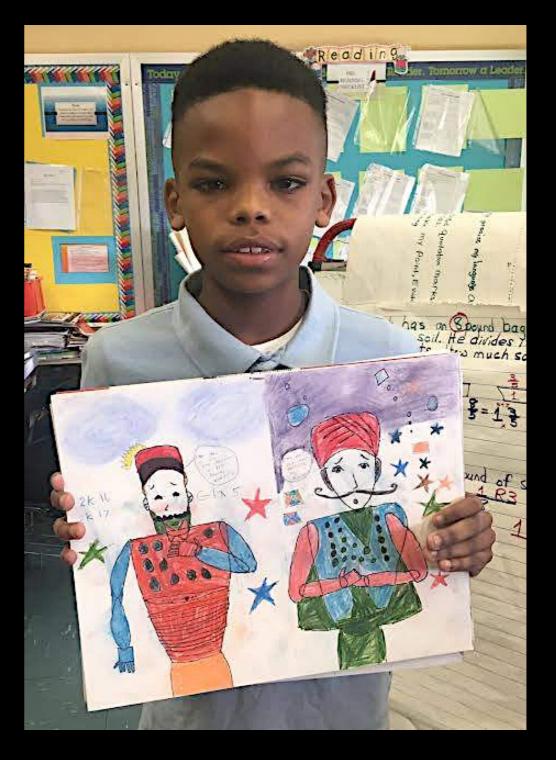


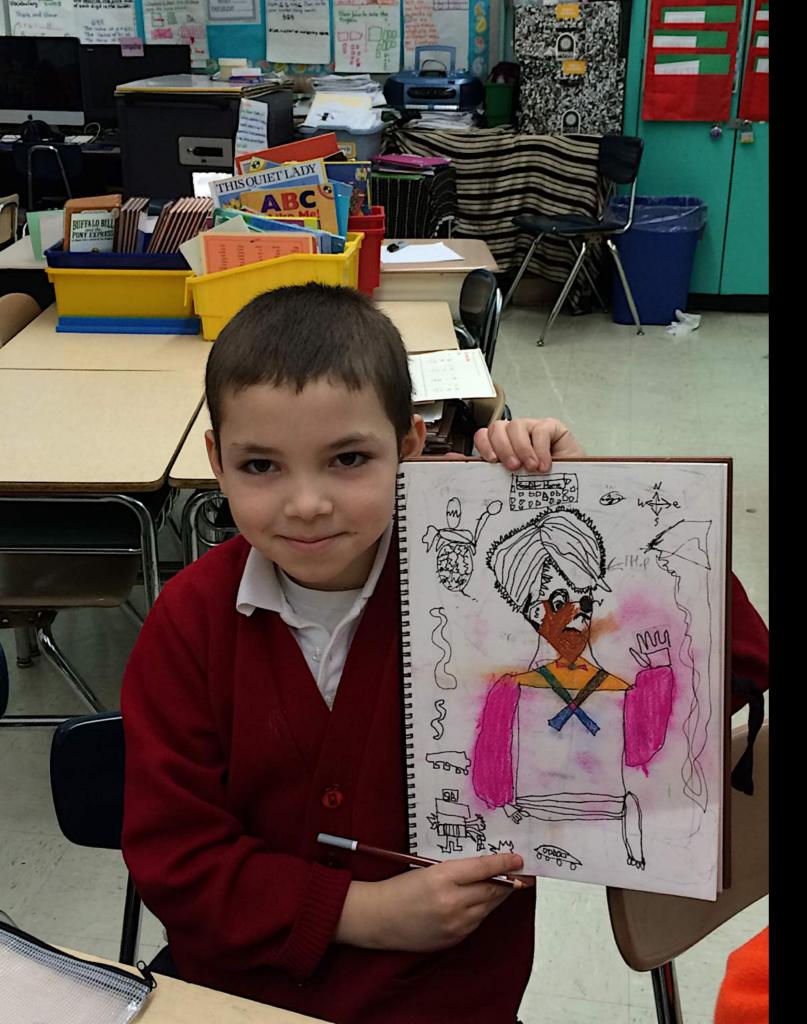
A 5:1 student/teaching artist ratio ensures kids get the attention they need to progress with difficult drawings.



This combination of inspiring teaching, artistic support and fantastic, artist quality materials is what motivates kids to apply themselves in extraordinary ways.

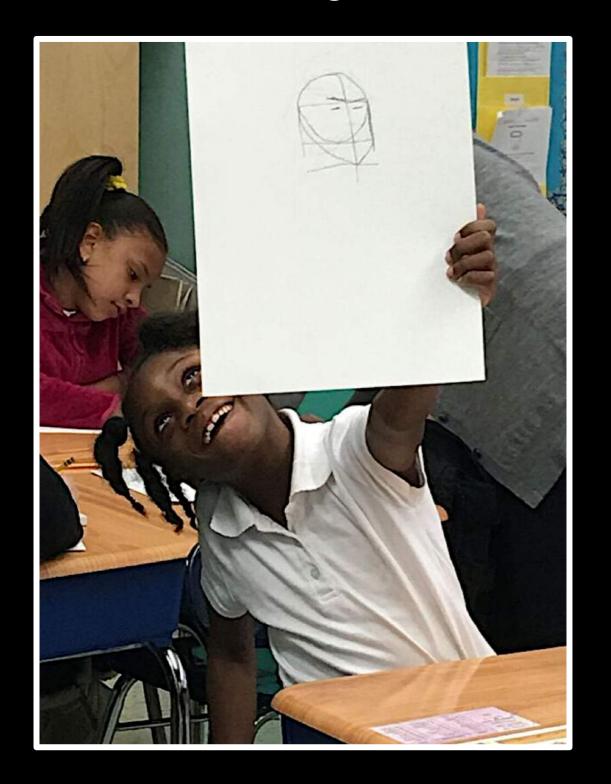


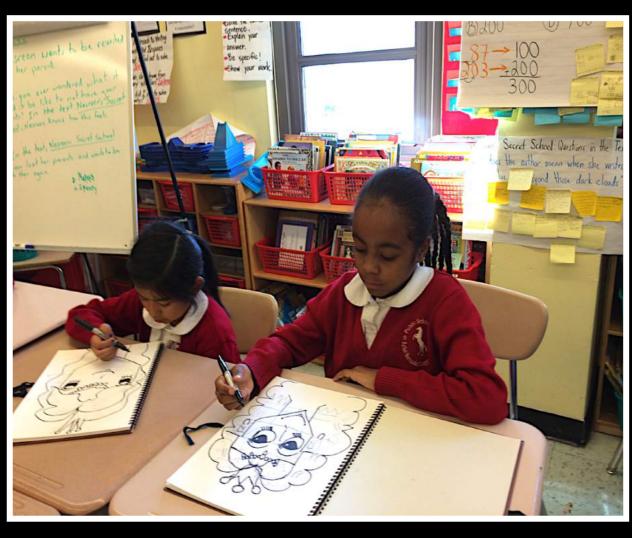




Four months into the school year, the level of technical skills, detail and independent creativity has increased ten-fold

Children are 100% engaged, proudly producing outstanding artwork as they get better & better at focusing independenly, remaining on task *and* working collaboratively.





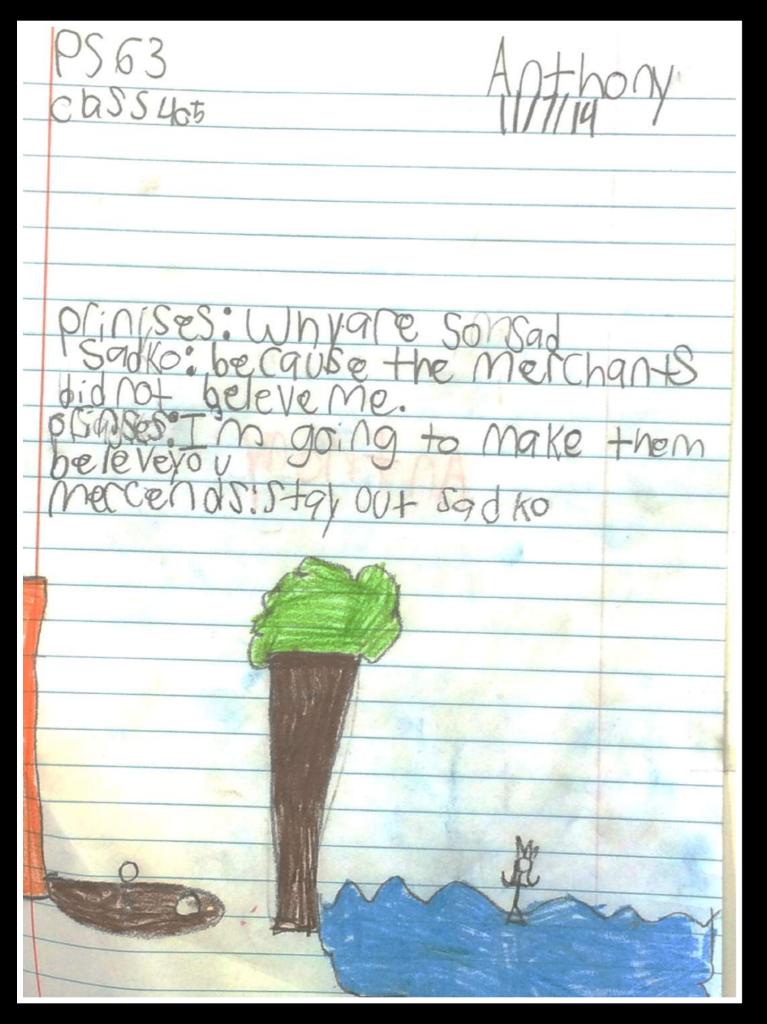
Focusing on just one musical work each year gives kids an opportunity to work creatively through both image and text.

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...it also encourages children to express themselves through creative writing.

A lot of what kids are asked to write in school isn't their own creative work, so Arty Readers is the "highlight of their week," according to a 3rd Grade teacher in the South Bronx.



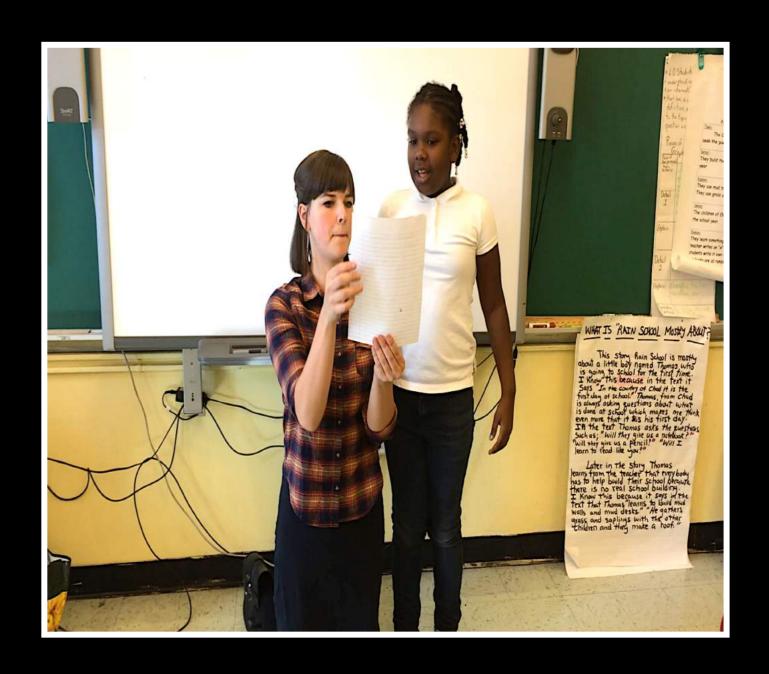
Kids write scripts using the opera as an inspiration.

VOICE

There is a constant emphasis on kids using their voice to express themselves.

Acting. Reading their scripts aloud.

Even the shy join in.



Reading is holistically integrated into the curriculum. Time In's child-centric environment takes the pressure off "work," and makes it possible for kids to just lay back a little.

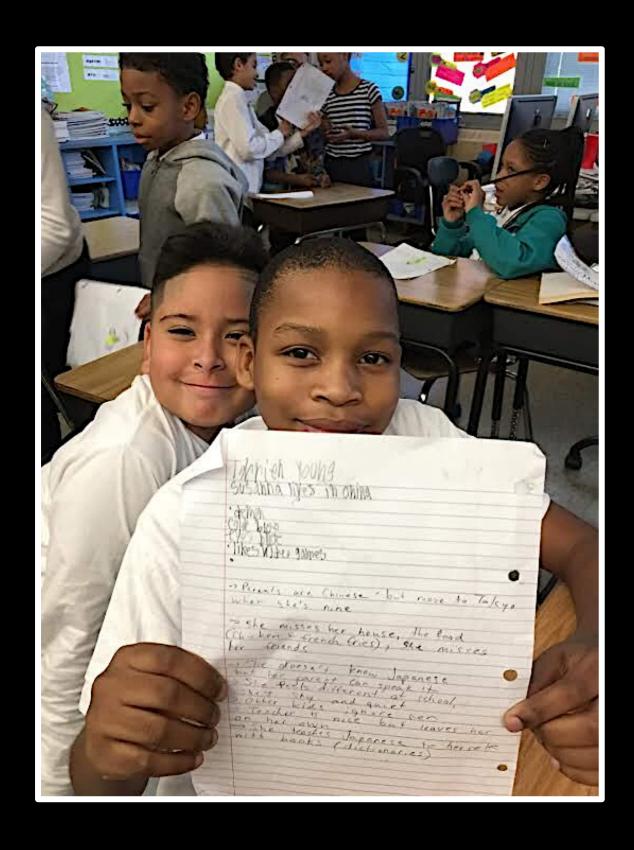


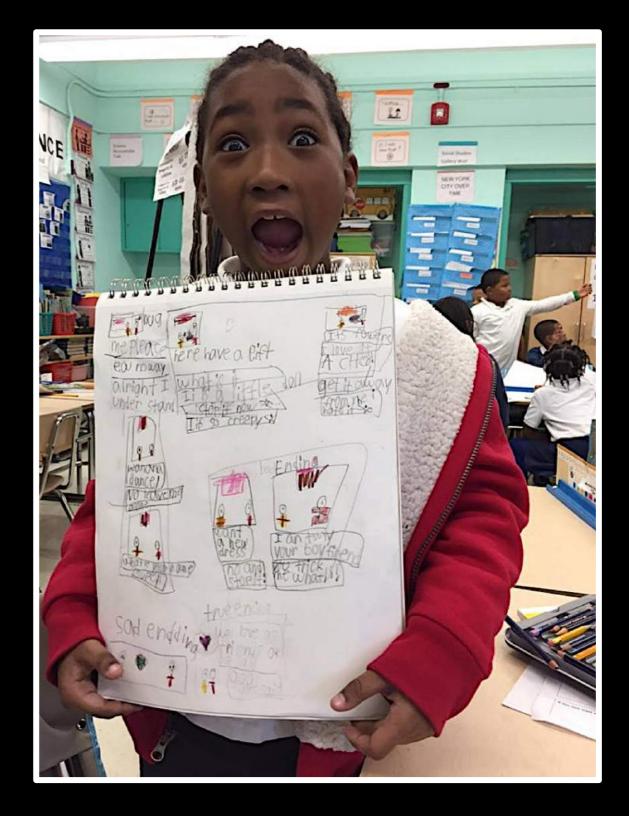
Many kids come to our partner schools from domestic violence and homeless shelters.

Every child is entitled to a thoughtfully crafted, arts-enriched education and should expect no less.

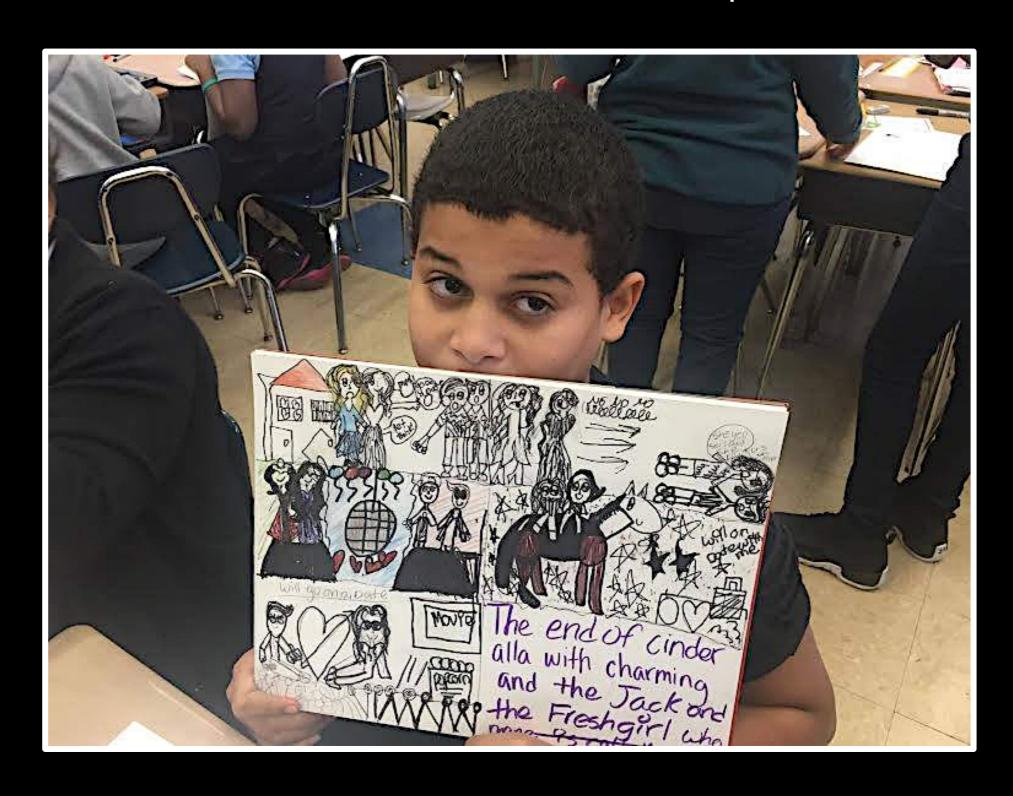


Getting to full comics is amazing. Kids blossom.

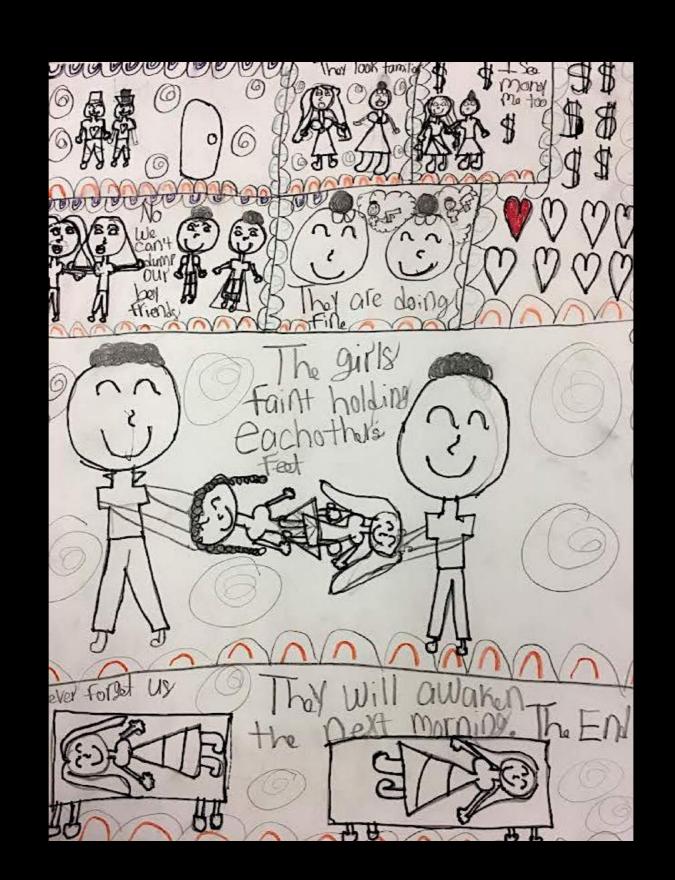




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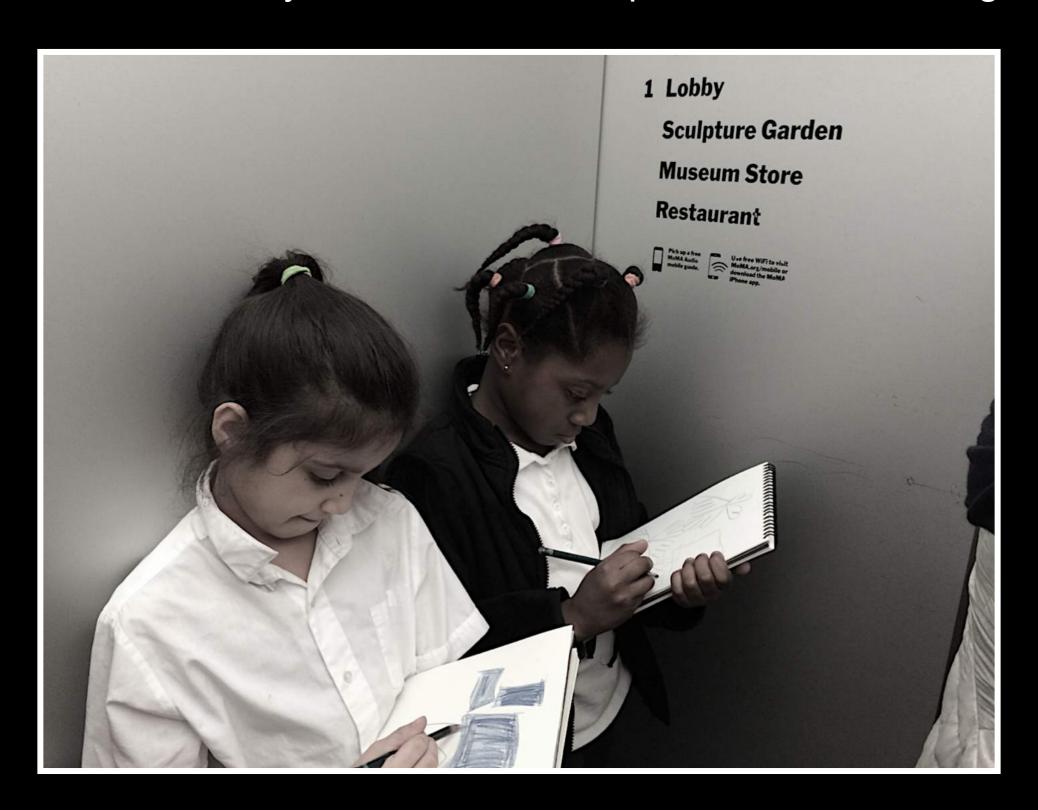


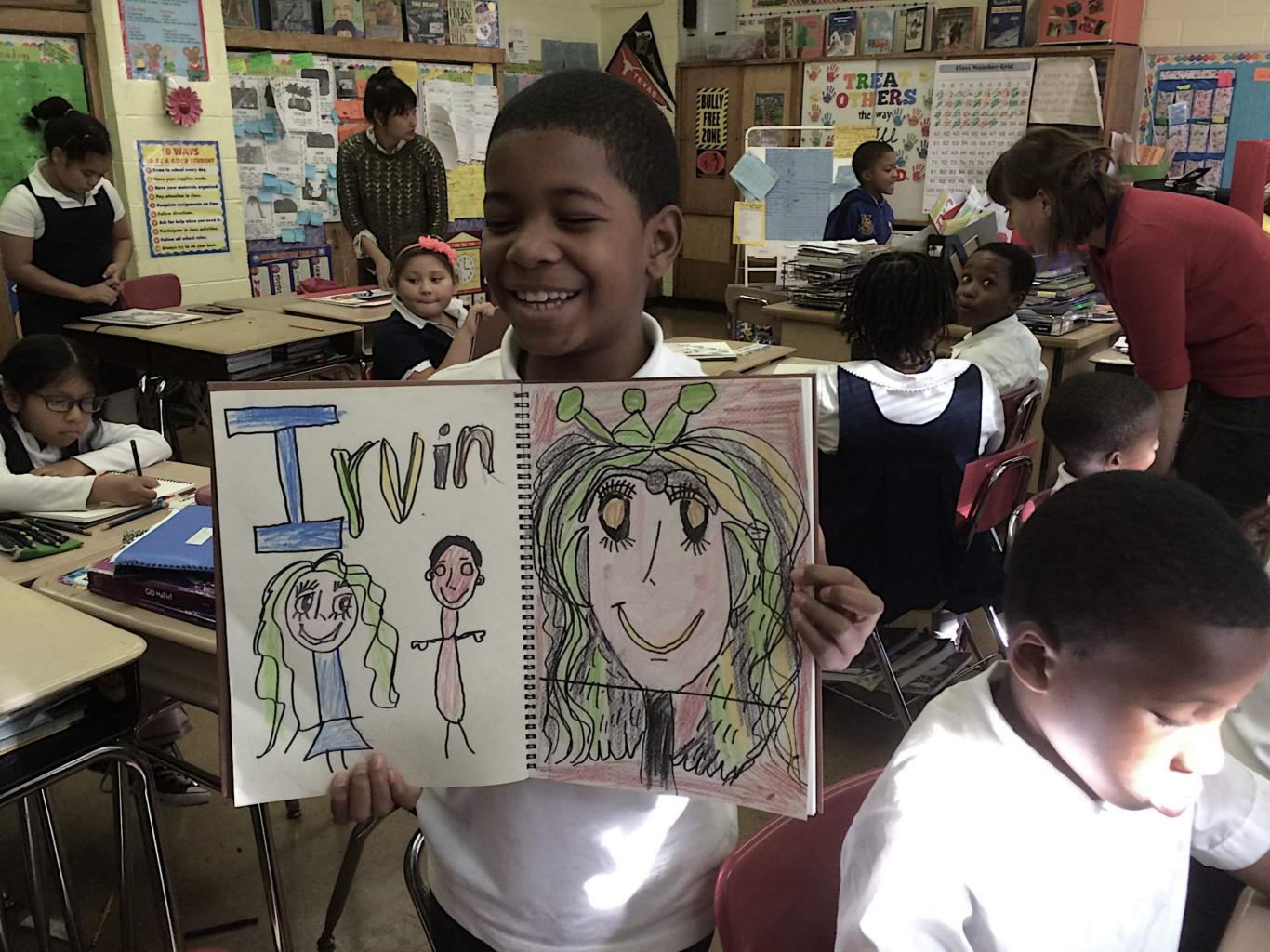
...independent & creative.

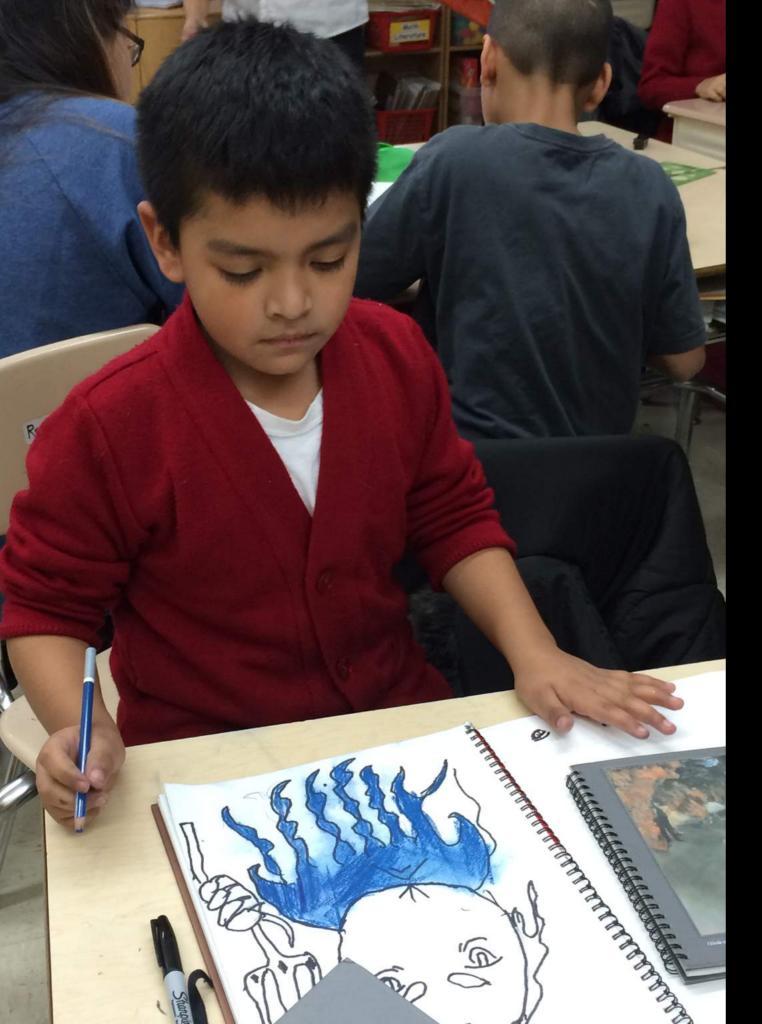




Arty Readers also does gallery hops & museum visits. It's important that they keep their sense of belonging to the broader cultural life of the city that started with Opera 'N Art in Kindergarten!







Arty Readers fosters not only wonderfully conceptual thinkers, but perceptive and aesthetically sensitive individuals. Each of whom will be poised to nourish their local communities and our greater society in the foreseeable future.

We believe that every child's talents and needs must be recognized, and that the support for greater creativity, intelligence, self-esteem and a brighter, better future should be more than just a promise.



With your support, Time In will continue to transform the lives and learning of public elementary school children in close to unimaginable ways.

Equality, Opportunity, Access

To the arts and Through the arts

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