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Fifth Grade Identity-In A Box! Through March 13, 2015

Missoula, MT / December 17, 2014 / Missoula Art Museum (MAM) / This year students involved in the 28th Fifth Grade Art Experience were inspired by the work of artist Kate Hunt and encouraged to experiment with materials, found images, paint, wire and wax to create boxes that expressed who they are. Teachers Janaina Vieira-Marques and Steve Krutek encouraged students to think of the basic elements of art and design as they work: "What is the point of emphasis? Is there pattern, unity, expressive color?" But more importantly, they ask kids to ask Kate Hunt's most pressing questions as she creates art: "What if?" So students ask themselves... "what if I... pour wax over sawdust...wrap wire through the box... poke holes to create an image... paint the whole box black and add white stars... create a 3-D American flag...?" And the creative process continues from there.

The results prove that fifth graders are unique and ingenious in the ways they problem-solve and express themselves. This level of investigation of materials and freedom of expression with art projects is something our fifth graders are rarely given the opportunity to experience. Creative problem-solving is an invaluable experience and enhances the understanding and viewing of the high-quality works of art on display at MAM.

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