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Local Students Learn Art of Mosaic

Zucker Middle School 6th Graders Explore History Through Ancient Art Form

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Sixth grade students at Jerry Zucker Middle School have been learning about the ancient art of mosaics. According to the sixth grade social studies teacher, Mr. Patrick Aiello, "Mosaics first came into use five thousand years ago in ancient Mesopotamia. During the 1st quarter of this year, students studied the ancient Mesopotamian civilization. However, mosaics did not become widely popular until the times of the Greeks and the Romans. During the 2nd quarter of this year students are exploring these two civilizations closely by taking a deeper look into them to find out what makes them unique." Ms. Meryl Weber, a local mosaic artist and retired educator who has been an artist-in-residence at the Children's Museum of the Lowcountry, has been teaching Mr. Aiello's students not only how to make their own personal mosaics, but also the history of mosaics. She is guiding the students through how and why mosaics became so useful and ornate in the architectural design of the early civilizations of the Greeks and Romans. All of Mr. Aiello's students are creatively engaged in the subject and their respective efforts and are eager to share with everyone their final product.

For more information regarding this event, please contact Principal Jacob Perlmutter or librarian Miranda Cary at (843) 767-8383.