



# The ArtStart Program

**A** *rtStart* was created in direct response to a request from CMS for arts-integrated strategies for teaching literacy in the third and fourth grade language arts curriculum.

## **ArtStart includes . . .**

- four days of professional development through the Summer Workshop
- arts-integrated lesson plans that support the targeted areas— literacy and writing
- continued support via additional professional development workshops
- a Teaching Artist Roster and Showcase for teachers to book local, qualified artists who are committed to educating through their art form

## **ArtStart aims to . . .**

- support the primary CMS goal of academic achievement for all students
- help teachers and teaching artists to grow in their use of quality, arts-integrated instruction
- foster a strong, collaborative relationship between teaching artists, classroom teachers, and arts educators
- encourage teachers and schools to build more extensive arts-in-education collaborations