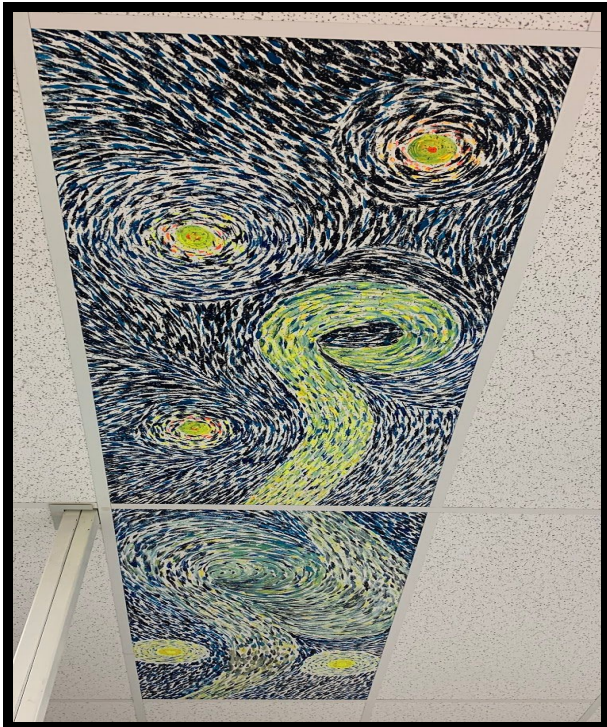


Ashland Elementary School

Me and The Starry Night

Grades 2 and 3, Team Integrity

Last summer the art room at Ashland Elementary School underwent a room transformation. As students entered the art room this school year, they walked into a blacklight lit room. The idea was to make the room become Vincent Van Gogh's painting *The Starry Night*. The walls were painted to represent elements of the painting. The ceiling tiles were painted to look like the sky. Twinkle lights were spread around the room and on the tables. Many elements were painted with fluorescent paint, making it glow as students entered the room. Rather than entering the art room, students were entering one of the most famous paintings in the world.



Throughout the school year, many of the lessons were related to *The Starry Night* and Vincent Van Gogh. For the first project, Team Integrity, a mixed group of second and third graders, students listened to the book "Katie and the Starry Night" by James Mayhew. In the book, Katie visits a museum where Van Gogh's paintings come to life. The students explored *The Starry Night*, and imagined where they would be in the painting. Each student drew themselves in their own version of *The Starry Night*.

Enjoy a selection of their work.

