



THE **ART**EFFECT  
FORMERLY MILL STREET LOFT + SPARK MEDIA PROJECT

*Presents:*

# **The State of The Empire!**

## **Summary of February 2018 Edition**

Our after-school programming for Media, Art, and Theatre are all underway! We are excited for the opportunity to be working creatively with the students of Poughkeepsie Central School District and look forward to the next few months of learning.

Please enjoy a selection of activities the students participated in this month.

Kind Regards,

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## Art: Second Grade

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Second Grade Students at Morse Elementary School are creating Romare Bearden inspired self-portraits using collage techniques. Students are exploring line, shape, texture, and color while delving into an exploration of their own identity. This lesson is tied into celebrating Black History Month.

Teacher: Victoria Hayes

Teaching Assistant: Sharyn Alexander

Teaching Assistant: Joanne Koslowsky-Diaz

**Romare Bearden** (1911- 1988) was an American painter whose collages of photographs and painted paper on canvas depict aspects of American black culture in a style derived from Cubism. He is considered one of the most important African American artists of the 20th century. *Young Students*, from 1964, is shown on the right.



## Media: Fifth Grade

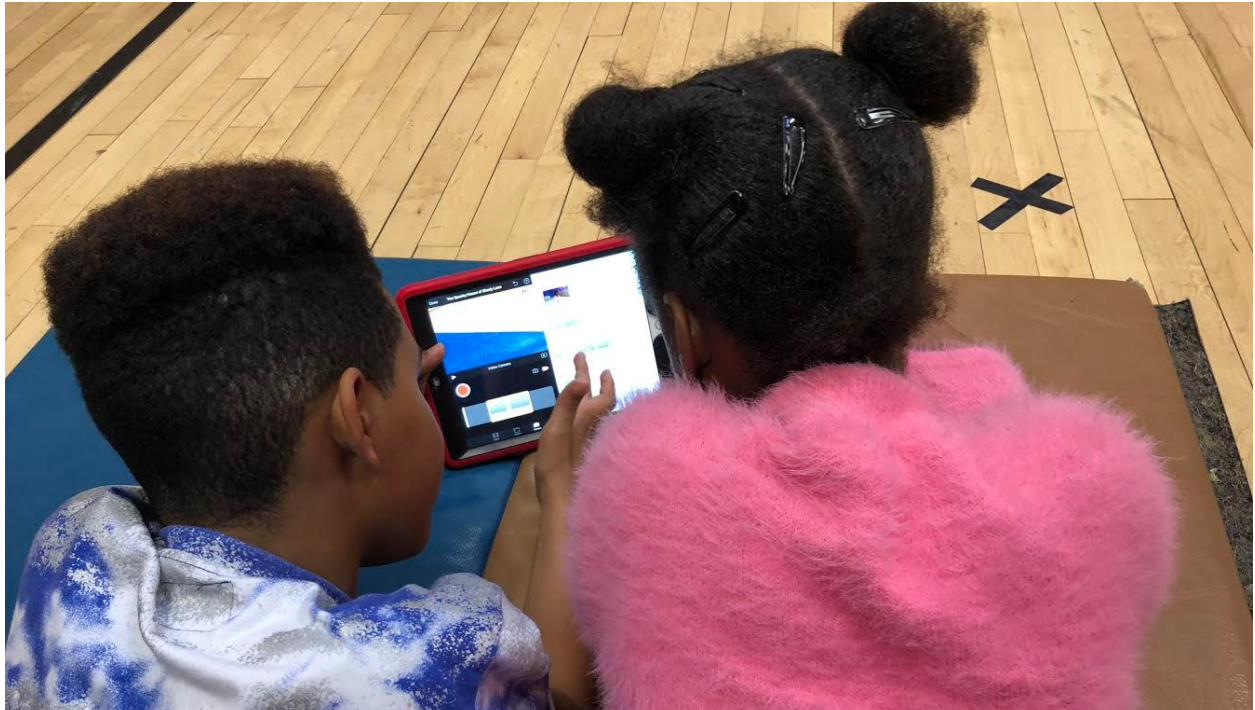
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Last month, students at Warring Elementary learned about log lines and how to apply them in media. The fifth graders wrote their own log lines and movie concepts in groups, applying what they learned in previous classes to create movie trailers. They practiced their acting and filming skills and learned about shot composition and how to handle media equipment. Students created their first round of movie trailers, showcased last month. Since then they have critiqued, revisited, and re-filmed their movie trailers once they came up with strategies on how to improve upon their initial project. [Here](#) is the newest incarnation of one of their horror film trailers.

Teacher: Christopher Nostrand

Teaching Assistant: Rachael Quimby

Teaching Assistant: Shaquille Scott



## **Poughkeepsie Middle School: Art & Media**

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Students at Poughkeepsie Middle School worked with The Art Effect's teaching artists to develop their own imaginative creatures. Gathering inspiration from mythical beings, various world cultures and costumes, and other-worldly muses, the students sketched and refined their ideas to create a unique being. Students are currently learning to photograph and film their two-dimensional work, including learning about shot composition and how to edit their work. This will then be edited into a media story. This media story will tie in all of the elements of their being (habitat, background story, flora, and animals) together. Once done, the students will present their worlds to each other.



Teacher: Craig Maher  
Teacher: Kenneth Gebon  
Teaching Assistant: Hannah Hartwell

