



## Lifelong Learning

Imagination Celebration of Fort Worth added a bit more heat to this summer's "must do" list with the launch of Arts for Life. This unique mix of hands-on art experiences combined with history, movement, sound, and themed-based snacks made art come alive for students ages four to eighteen. Imagination Celebration has a long history of providing innovative integrated programming in the arts for more than twenty years, and Arts for Life is just another example of how art can change lives and ignite a passion for lifelong learning.

Arts for Life is designed to reach all learners from 0 to 115, but the program kicked off in July with the launch of a children's program. Classes for PreK & K focused on Art and Literacy while studying books like *Giraffes Can't Dance* and *The Hungry Caterpillar*. School age classes were divided by grade levels. First and second graders studied cultures including Early Man, Mexico, Africa and Japan. In the Early Man unit, students learned about natural dyes, painted with sticks, rocks, and feathers, dressed in faux fur, painted symbols inside a paper cave, and snacked on nuts, dried fruit, jerky and (gummy) insects.

In the adult learning series, single session classes were offered featuring local artists: Ashley Akers with Copper Jewelry, Lauren Kolesar-Eatinger with Handmade books and Deborah Sims teaching Glass Fusing. Materials were provided and each participant left with at least two finished pieces of art.

In conjunction with Kid's Place, a Bright Horizons Learning Center, Imagination Celebration also took its Art Friends program to summer camp. Certified art specialists taught developmentally appropriate classes, giving these students the chance to make their own musical instruments and to learn the Japanese art of fish printing, Gyotaku.

Imagination Celebration will continue to offer Arts for Life programs monthly throughout the year. Also on the calendar are classes for Home School students, evening and weekend classes for children and adults, and more Art Friends sessions focused on young learners from six weeks to age five. Classes will be held at our home location in the Fort Worth Community Arts Center, 1300 Gendy St., and throughout the city at Bright Horizon Centers and our satellite site at Ridglea Methodist Church.

For a complete list of offerings and class schedules, please visit the Imagination Celebration website at [www.icfw.org](http://www.icfw.org), or call 817-870-1141.

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