Participatory Arts Challenges....

We keep stressing how critical it is to make sure that we remain connected as independent school communities during these times. The arts, both visual and performing, provide ample ways to engage and delight our families. Below, please find two "challenges" that some schools are issuing to their communities for staying engaged through the arts.

Alecia at AIMS

National Poetry Month

April is National Poetry Month. The Academy of American Poets share that, "more and more people are turning to poetry at this moment, because poetry and inspiring language can help bring solace and needed strength." Georgetown Day School is hosting live and recorded poetry readings on Facebook for their families (see image left). Here are several ideas for how you can use this timely subject matter:

- Read about 30 ways to celebrate National Poetry Month online and at home
- Read about 30 ways to celebrate National Poetry Month in the virtual classroom
- Participate in--or hold your own--online initiative, Shelter in Poems

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Getty Museum Challenge Goes Viral

The Los Angeles-based museum, The J. Paul Getty Museum, has been making headlines in the US from their Twitter-Issued challenge to "Recreate Artwork with Household Items." They were inspired by a similar challenge at the Rijksmuseum in Amsterdam. Many of our schools have likewise been inspired to participate...with hilarious results. Indian Creek School students (see left) rose to the challenge--blank circles added to protect student privacy but they're still awesome! This shared laughter is worth its weight in gold during dark times. Consider having students do this with a local museum, like the Baltimore Museum of Art or the National Gallery of Art!

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