Ages 3-5
Group size: Up to 30 students

Genesee County Schools
Length: Two to ten 60-90 minute sessions
Locations: Your school | Flint Institute of Arts

Schools Outside Genesee County
Group size: Up to 30 students
Length: One 75-90 minute session
Location: Flint Institute of Arts
Fee $3 per student

Support your students’ literacy skills with our START program! START combines investigating art materials, listening to children’s literature, and looking at and talking about works of art. During the program, children learn through discovery and strengthen the math, science, problem solving, and visual expression skills they need to be successful in school and in life. The multi-part program is available for in-school presentation in Genesee County. Schools outside Genesee County are welcome to participate in the program virtually, or at the FIA.

Exploring Lines
How many different kinds of lines are there? Children will explore infinite ways to create lines as they explore markers, oil pastels, clay, and/or electroluminescent wire lights.

Exploring Shapes
How many different kinds of shapes are there? After learning about organic and geometric shapes and practicing cutting with scissors, children create collages and sculptures.

Exploring Colors
How many different colors are there? Children investigate primary colors and find out how to mix them to make more colors. Then they explore painting media, colored acetate, tissue paper, and markers as they create colorful designs.

Exploring Textures
How do textures look and feel? Children find out as they explore a variety of textures. Then they utilize textured papers and other materials to create a texture collage and use their fingers and hands to make textures in clay.