

Expressions of Peace: Ceramic Tile and Origami Installation

Objectives

- Students will be able to identify a statistic around the theme of peace and/or violence to visually illustrate.
- Students will explore the data surrounding the statistic and discuss its implications on the community.
- Students will participate in the decision making around material use for the final installation.

Grade Levels: 3-8

Vocabulary and Terms

Installation art, origami

Resources

Statistics and data pulled from government websites, news articles.

[Origami](#) pinwheel step by step and [video](#)

Origami [paper](#)

Materials

Origami paper, air dry clay, paint

Procedures

1. Discuss the meaning of peace. What does peace look like in your home? What does peace look like in your community? In the world? Can peace look like different things to different people? What does it look like for peace to be interrupted?
2. Discuss installation art and the impact it can have on a viewer. View installation art pieces and talk about the emotional impact.
3. Ask students to individually brainstorm examples of peace being interrupted in their own community or on a national/worldwide scale. Make a class list of these examples and discuss which ones could be turned into an installation. *For our specific project, students chose to work with the number of people killed by an act of violence in Chicago in 2016. They felt like each new death was just a number that was becoming ignored.*
4. Have students work in groups to come up with several ways we could visually represent the chosen number (in our case, number of deaths due to violence in Chicago) in an installation for maximum impact on the viewer.

5. Decide as a whole group how you will represent this number; ie, origami pieces, clay tiles, stitched tally marks on fabric, cut out symbols, a stencil used to draw directly onto a wall, etc.
6. Spend several classes creating all of the pieces needed.
7. Give students a printout with a drawing of the space, allowing them to draw and brainstorm how to display the final pieces. Install!





