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## It's a lot more than just art.



Here at Studio e we learn so much. We learn to treat our friends, classmates, and ourselves with respect. We use manners when asking for supplies and commenting on other's artwork. We share stories about family traditions, family dynamics and suggest solutions to sibling issues. Big brothers and sisters can cause trouble just as little brothers and sisters can and somehow talking about it and learning that the others in the class have had similar experiences just make it a little more bearable. It is funny how many "Dear Abbys" I have in my classes! The two girls in the picture, Katherine and Carly Sue, carpool to art class each week. They offer a lot of advice and really add spice to my day. :)

### For the birds

Tactile projects are the best. The physical activity of squishing and shaping clay, smoothing, pressing, and squishing again, is so therapeutic.

Our clay project is "birds". I will be having a solo exhibition at the Spirit Room Gallery in April titled, "For the Birds and Others". I decided to display the children's clay birds sometime during the month as well as some of their other works of art. More information regarding the exhibits will come soon.



## JANUARY...

**MOST SCHOOLS ARE NOT IN SESSION ON MONDAY, JAN. 18TH. I WILL STILL HOLD CLASS THAT DAY. PLEASE LET ME KNOW IF YOU ARE NOT PLANNING TO ATTEND YOUR REGULAR CLASS.**

### DID YOU KNOW?

... in 1962 Leonardo DaVinci's Mona Lisa was valued at \$100 million? Who knows what it would be worth today!

... Artist Edgar Degas was so fascinated with ballet dancers that he became obsessed with representing them in his art? It is estimated Degas made approximately 1500 paintings, pastels, prints and drawings of dancers.

### Thank you...

*For your continued support of Studio e. I appreciate your efforts to pay on time, at the beginning of each month.*

*I also recognize the efforts made to drop off and pick up your child on time. It really makes running this little circus a lot easier. 2010 holds great promise and Studio e is bursting with creative ideas and fun experiences.*