

All kids can create!



Accepting artwork until Sunday, April 08, 2012

VSA and CVS Caremark invite you to submit artwork showing your child's or student's creativity! Explore new activities, rethink your perceptions, discover yourself as an artist, and submit your art today!

Theme — "What Inspires Me"

Children are inspired by many things, from the people they meet, to the sounds they hear, to the sights they see. These moments of inspiration can motivate us to help others, improve ourselves, and dream about the future. This year's call for art, which launches on the birthday of the inspiring civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr., invites students to reflect on what inspires them and share those inspirations through art!

Art Teachers — Receive \$1,500 for your classroom!

By submitting your students' artwork to the VSA and CVS Caremark All Kids Can CREATE call for art, you are eligible to receive \$1,500 for use in your classroom. Up to four teachers will receive \$1,500 each, based on the number of submissions from your class or school, the number of submissions from students with disabilities, and your answers to two short questions.

Teachers can [click here](#) to download and print parent permission forms. (Requires Adobe Acrobat Reader)

Curriculum Connections

Teachers are encouraged to consider using this call for art as part of your lesson plans for the birthday of Martin Luther King Jr., celebrated in January, or Black History Month, celebrated in February. Discussion points might include:

- What inspired Dr. King and other civil rights leaders?
- How did Dr. King translate his inspiration into action?

- How can you translate your inspirations into art?
- How did Dr. King communicate his ideas to inspire others?
- How can you use art to communicate your ideas?

This program aligns with several of the National Education Standards, including those listed below:

- NA-VA.K-4.3: Choosing and evaluating a range of subject matter, symbols and ideas.
- NA-VA.K-4.4: Understanding the visual arts in relation to history and cultures.
- NA-VA.5-8.6: Making connections between visual arts and other disciplines.

Students — Kids can be a part of something BIG!

Student artwork will be featured in an online gallery and considered for display in a national exhibition. The inclusive exhibition will be on view at the Martin Luther King Jr. Library in Washington, D.C., in August 2012 and feature two pieces of artwork from every state and the District of Columbia. A selection of young artists will be invited to a reception in Washington, D.C.

Who can submit?

Open to children, ages 5-15, living within the United States (all 50 states and the District of Columbia.)

About VSA

VSA, the international organization on arts and disability, was founded more than 35 years ago by Ambassador Jean Kennedy Smith to provide arts and education opportunities for people with disabilities and increase access to the arts for all. With 52 international affiliates and a network of nationwide affiliates, VSA is changing perceptions about people with disabilities around the world. VSA is an affiliate of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts. For more information, visit www.vsarts.org.

CVS Caremark

CVS Caremark All Kids Can CREATE, a program of the CVS Caremark Charitable Trust and CVS Caremark, is committed to support children with disabilities. The goals of All Kids Can are to support children with disabilities by raising awareness in schools and in local communities about the importance of inclusion, creating greater opportunities for physical activity and play, and providing access to medical rehabilitation. CVS Caremark and its more than 200,000 employees plan to help children with disabilities learn, play and succeed through partnerships with leading local and national nonprofit organizations such as VSA and many others across the country. www.cvscaremarkallkidscan.com.