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# ART SMART

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1st Grade / April

THEME:  
Memories and Dreams

WORKS:

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Allan Rohan Crite, *School's Out*

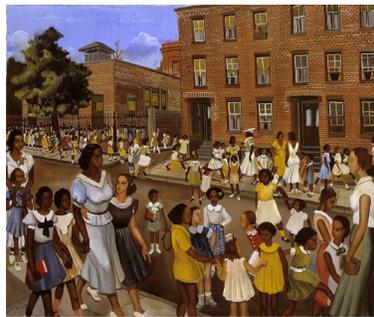
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Share some of your special things you have done with your family or friends that you will always remember.

What are some of the things you would like to do someday?

How would you share your memories and dreams? (words, pictures, drawings, photos, and stories?)

Faith Ringgold, *Tar Beach*  
(Students should remember this painting from JAN - Faith Ringgold lesson)

What is happening in this picture?  
Where do you think this place might be?  
What time of day?  
Which people look close, which far?  
The title of the story quilt is *Tar Beach*. Do you remember what the title means?  
Faith Ringgold is an African- American artist who is very well known for designing story quilts, with a large central image showing lots of people doing things together, surrounded by brightly colored, patterned areas, with stories written somewhere in between.  
Do you think this is something that really happened to Faith Ringgold, or something that she dreamed, or a combination of a memory and a dream?

Allan Rohan Crite, *School's Out*

Here is a painting by an African-American artist named Allan Rohan Crite. He was born in New Jersey and grew up in Boston. He painted scenes of everyday life among African- American people in Boston in the 30s and 40s.  
Who are the people in the painting? Children and adults? Some bigger?  
Some close? Some far? What does the clothing tell us about the weather?  
What are some of the people doing?  
Does this school look like our school in the afternoon when classes are dismissed?

Kuzumi Morikage, *Family Enjoying the Evening Cool*

This painting is a 2-fold screen painted by a Japanese artist in the 17th century, more than 300 years ago.  
What is the relationship of the people?  
What are they doing?

Does this remind you of you and your family?  
Is the mood quiet, noisy, happy or sad?  
What do you like to do with your families in the evening?

### Velino Shije Herrera, *Story Teller*

This painting is done by a Native American who lived in the southwest United States.  
Who do you think these people might be? Is this a grandfather?  
What are they doing?  
Who is the center?  
Does it remind you of something you do each week?  
How are the people dressed?  
Shapes or patterns in their clothing? Does it repeat?

### Diego Rivera, *La Piñata*

Diego Rivera was a famous Mexican artist who lived in San Angel, a suburb of Mexico City.  
Treasure Hunt in the painting for: ribbon, candy, confetti, a pole or stick, a piñata?  
How many children? Are they the same age? Oldest and youngest?  
Are the children facing us? From the side (profile)?  
There is lots of movement in this picture, with some children overlapping others and many children seen in different views. What kind of mood does this picture have? Does it seem warm? Happy? Exciting? Would you like to join the children in this painting?

*\*More background information on the artists and paintings can be found in the printed packet.*