

BRENTWOOD ART CENTER

7/13/18

M/W/F

5-6 years

Today's Project: Japanese Inspired Cherry Blossoms

Historical Context/Artistic Inspiration: Japanese Cherry Blossoms, Sumi-e ink brush painting

Vocabulary: Hanami, cherry blossoms (Sakura), sumi-e ink, chop

Summary: Today we learned about the Cherry Blossom festival in Japan known as Hanami ('flower viewing'). Cherry blossoms have been used extensively in Japanese art for hundreds of years. According to the Buddhist tradition, the brief beauty of the blossoms symbolizes the transient nature of life as the flowers last for just a few weeks. We created this cherry blossom branch using a delicate brush painting technique with ink. We also painted with watercolors and tempera paint, then finished the details of our cherry blossoms with oil pastels and collage.

