

OLNEY THEATRE CENTER

Olney Theatre Center wants to unleash the creativity in your students!

The **Our Play Program (TOPP)** is a comprehensive arts learning experience that spans most of an academic year. Our engaging teaching artists partner with classroom teachers to guide students through activities that build to **the performance of an original play**.

TOPP is designed to connect with the fifth grade curriculum and emphasizes the 21st Century Learning Skills known as the Four Cs: **Collaboration, Creativity, Critical Thinking, and Communication**. The program consists of three phases that *culminate in a performance on our stage!*

Phase 1: Introduction to Theatre and Creative Collaboration

Phase 2: Script Development

Phase 3: Rehearsal and Performance

FAST FACTS:

- Olney's Arts Integration Program grew organically from a partnership with a single area school in the 2012-13 school year. In the 2016-17 school year, we served **20 classrooms** in **7 schools!**
- Our teaching artists work with students and teachers in their classrooms to **develop their collaborative skills** and **compose their original plays**. Students travel to **perform their work** at Olney Theatre Center.
- The program is primarily designed for **fifth grade students**, but we have successfully modified it for younger and older students.
- TOPP follows students through their fifth grade year. Additionally, our **supplementary arts arts integration program for fourth graders** can be implemented over the course of a single semester. Spring is a popular choice.
- This program offers students opportunities to learn and practice **collaboration, flexibility, memorization, commitment, empathy, and much more!**



*"I thought this program would be a good language arts unit, but it was so much more than that; it **changed the way we teach our students...** Talk about bringing the arts into the classroom!"*

—Kimberley Row
5th grade teacher
Strawberry Knoll Elementary

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