

# CAPE/GWHS Summer Blog 2023

## ***"Painting + Bookmaking + Music at George Washington High School"***

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### Introduction:

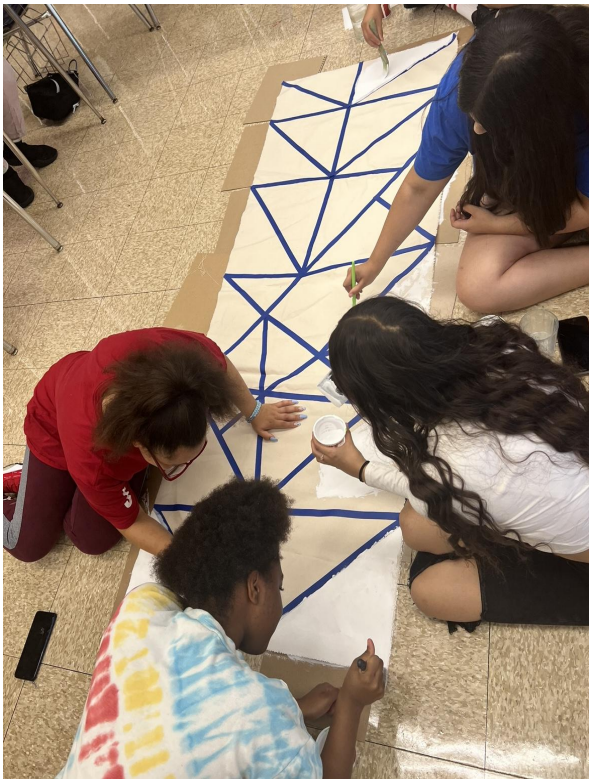
This blog post is about the CAPE program that went on at George Washington High school this summer, by including artwork, & pictures that demonstrate what was done during this program. During this program, our main focus was for the students to learn how to make their own books, sketchbooks, & journals. We wanted them to learn the different art techniques, as well as allowing them to express their emotions & feelings through their artwork, & the music. One main skill that we wanted them to leave with was the ability to feel more social, comfortable, and free within a different environment.

### Activities:

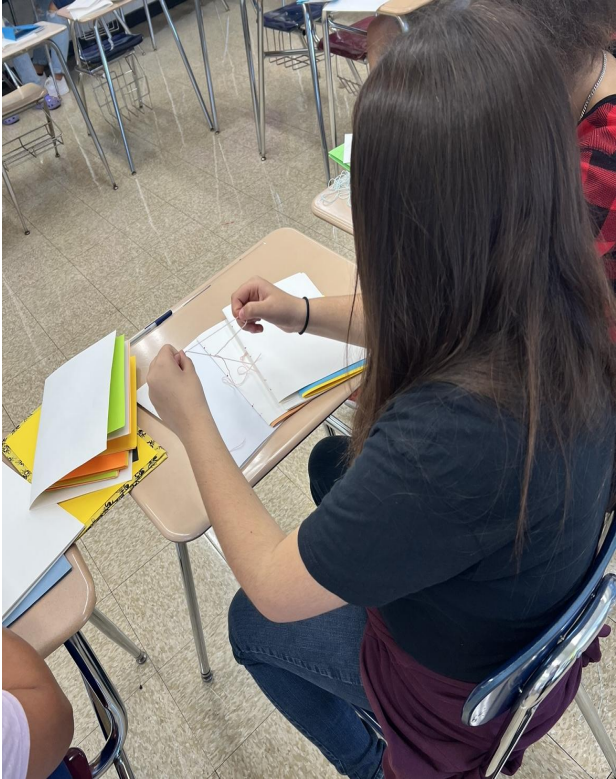
- Creating their own books
- Painting
- Drawing
- Sketching games
- Collective mural creation
- Material examinations

Below are images from this CAPE summer program at GWHS 2023

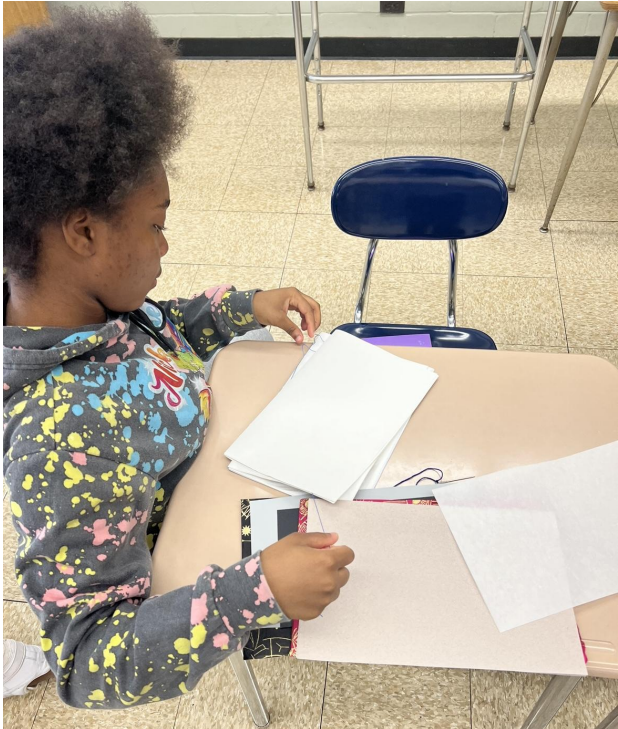
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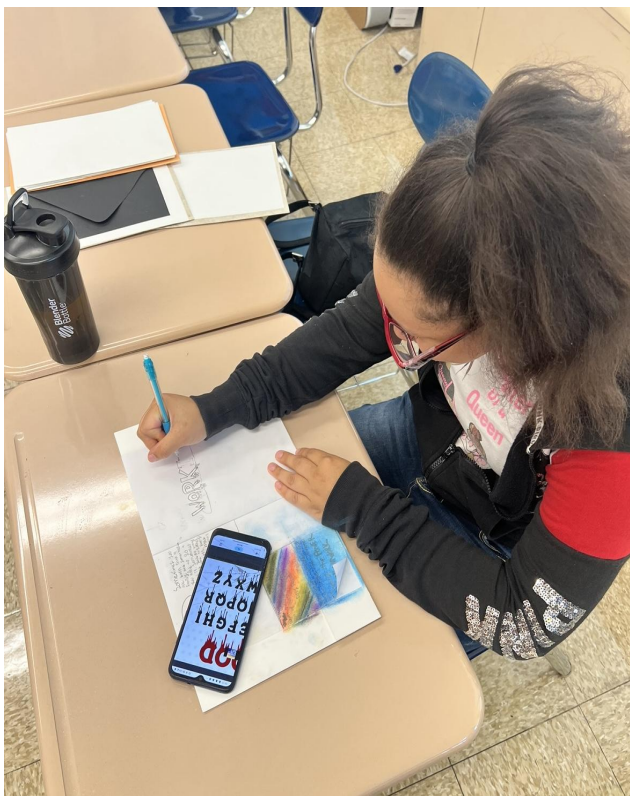


Above is the collaborative piece we have been working on it!

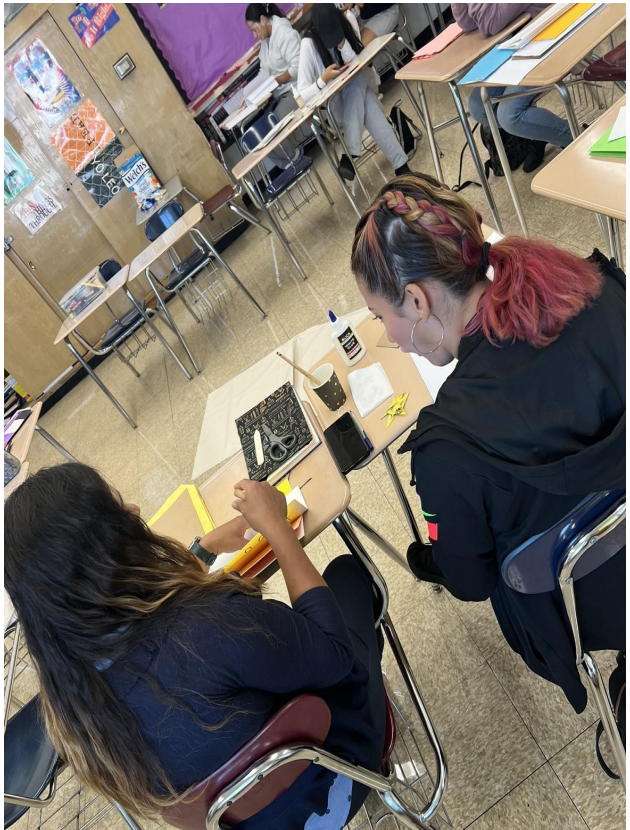


The student was working on stitching the book together





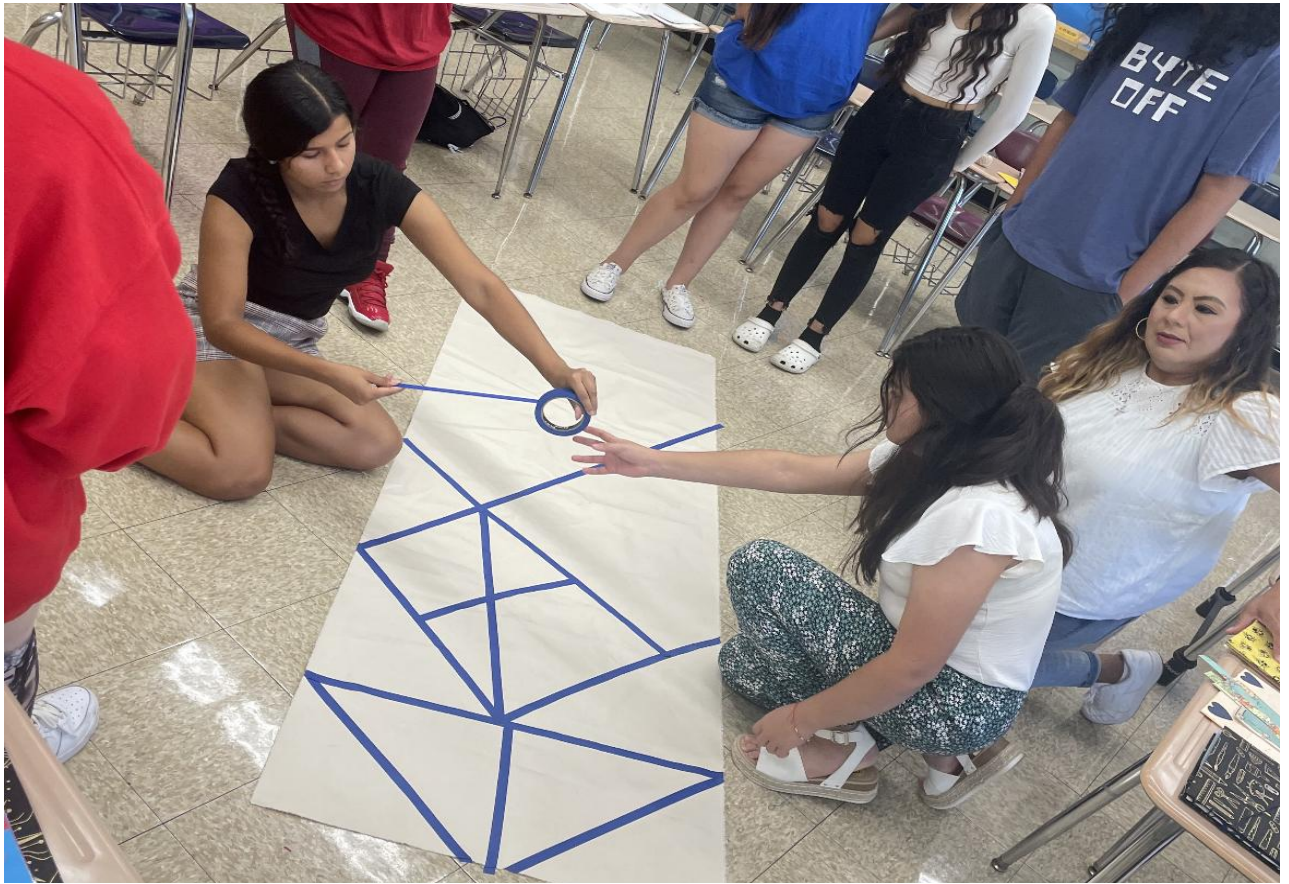
Students were working on their books as well as their drawings!

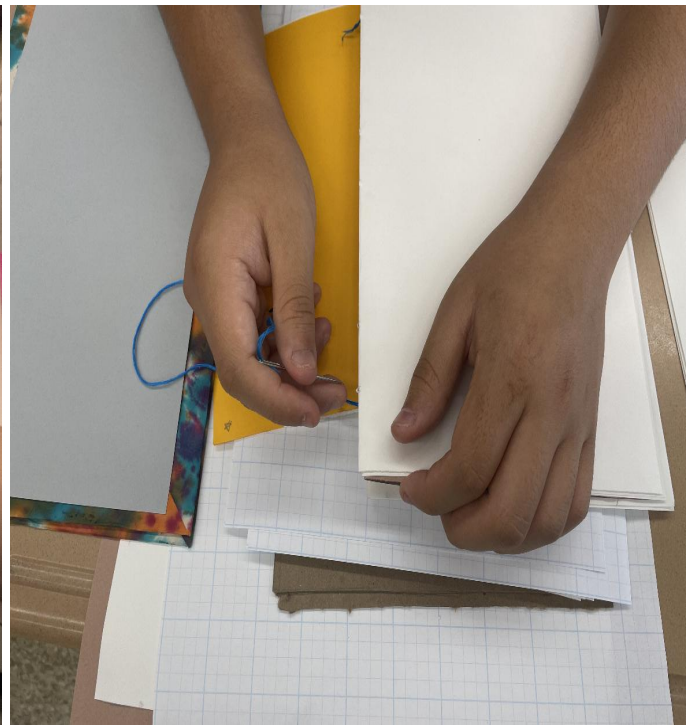
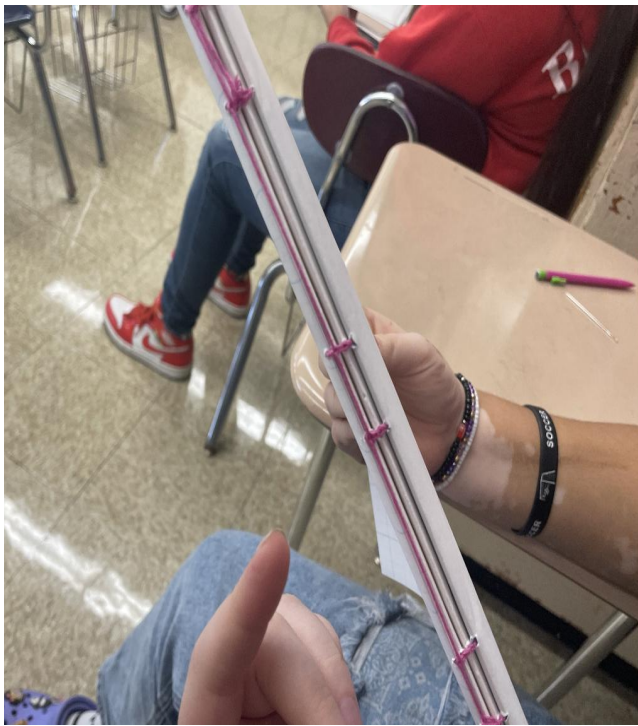




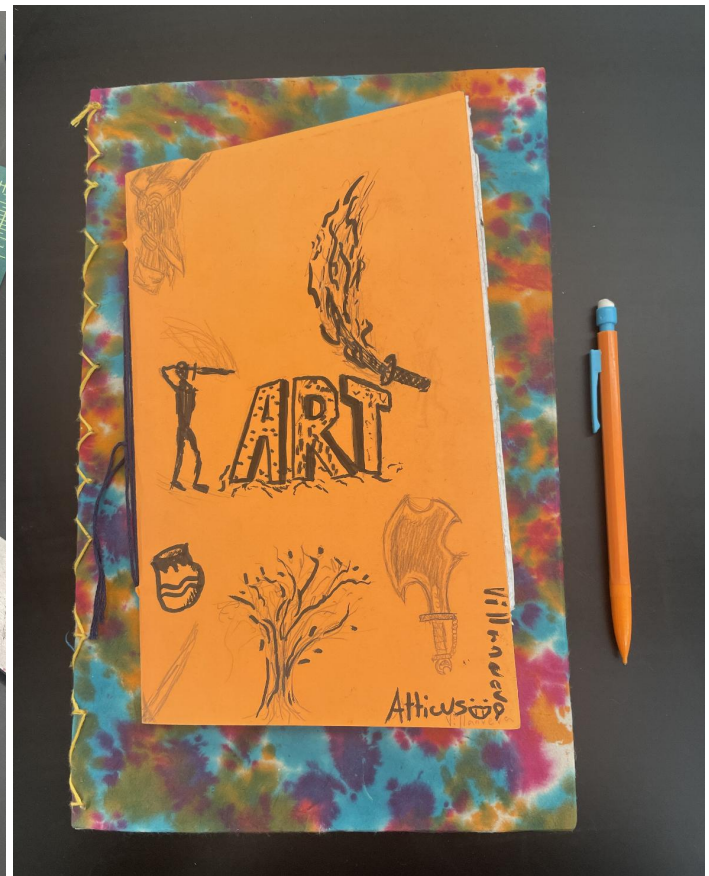
Here are the students and I working on the collaborative mural piece!







Here we see the students working on their books by sewing them together, and cutting!





This is me working with a student on the mural!





Here we see the artwork the students created!!







We were all working on our part on the mural!





Here students were figuring out the different types of markers.



These sisters were trying to incorporate each other's ideas!



Here my mom came to help us on the mural!

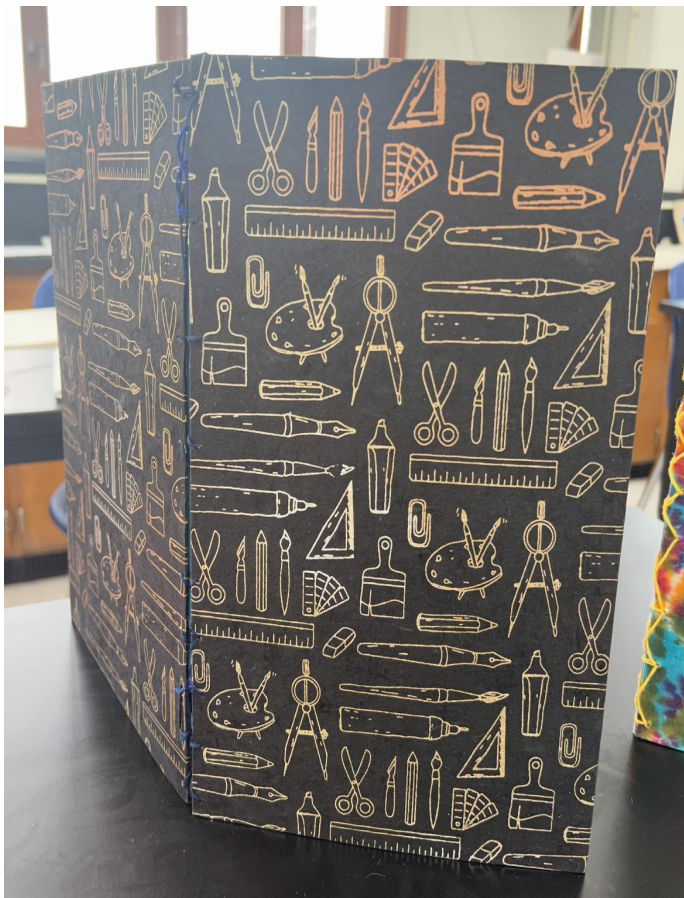
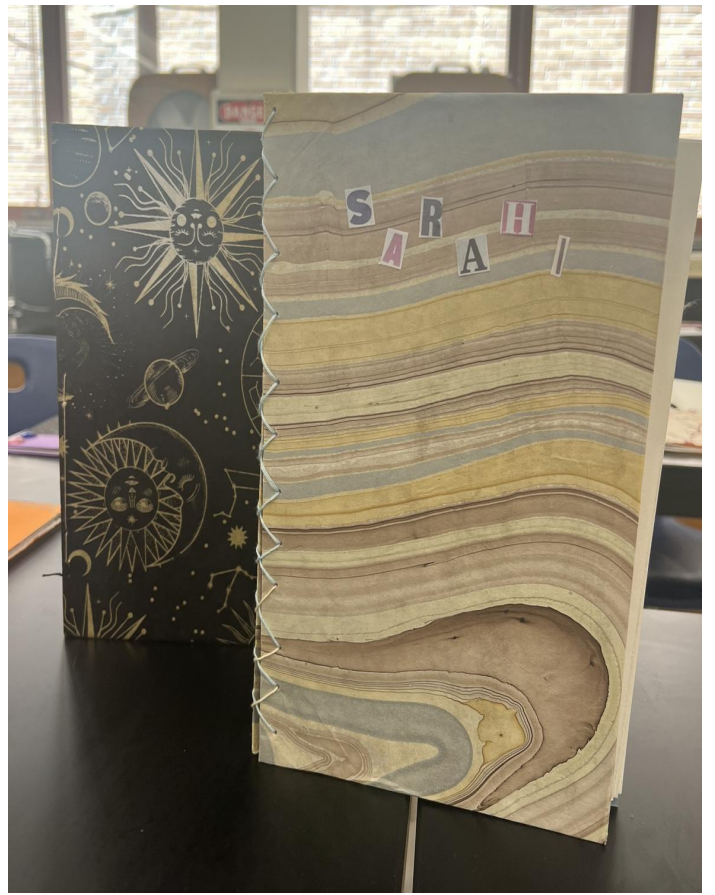
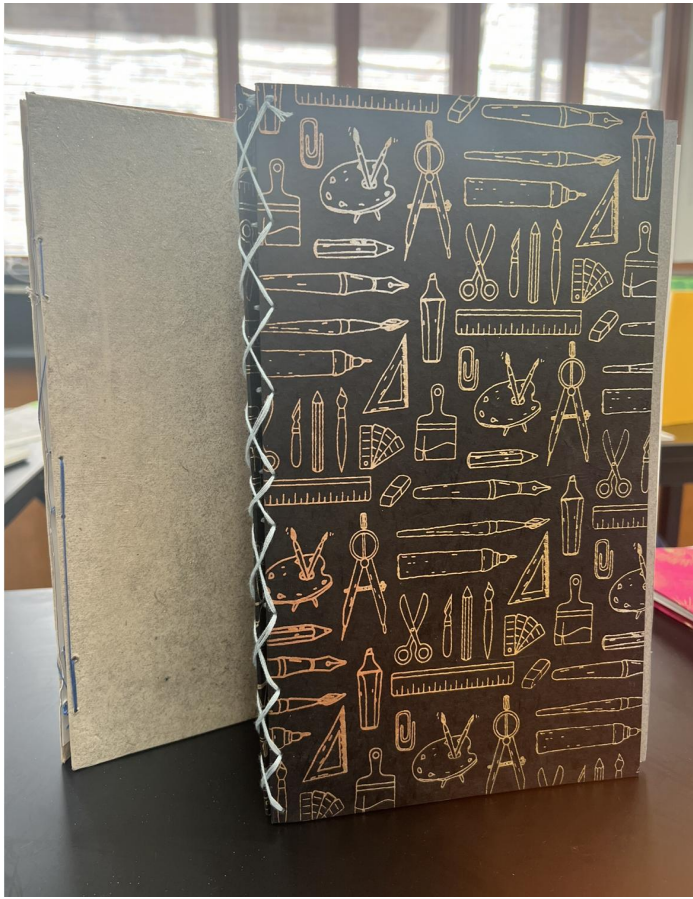


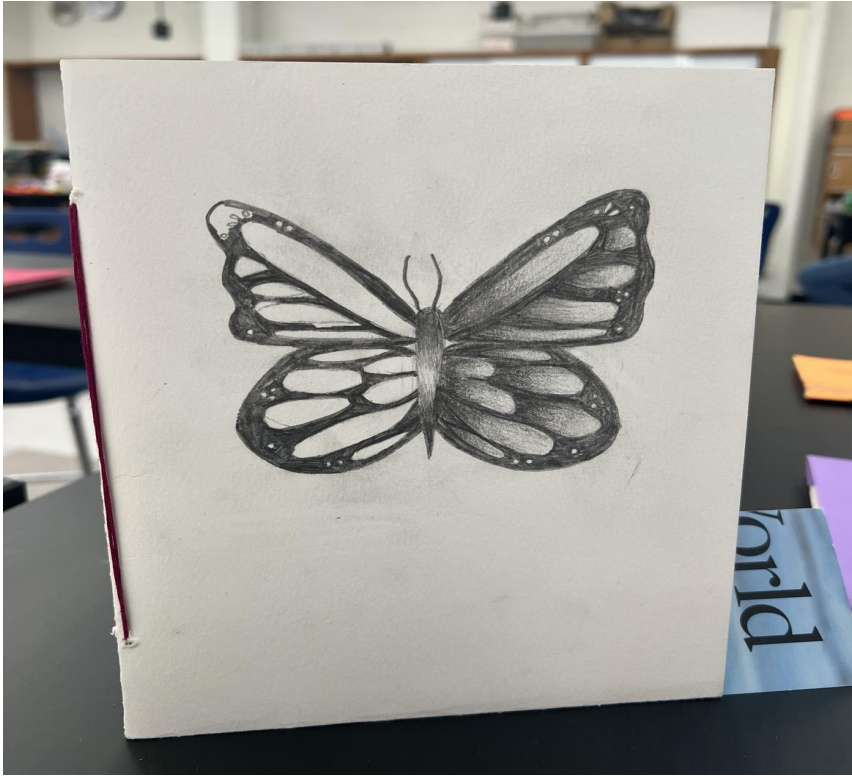
This is what she ended up painting.



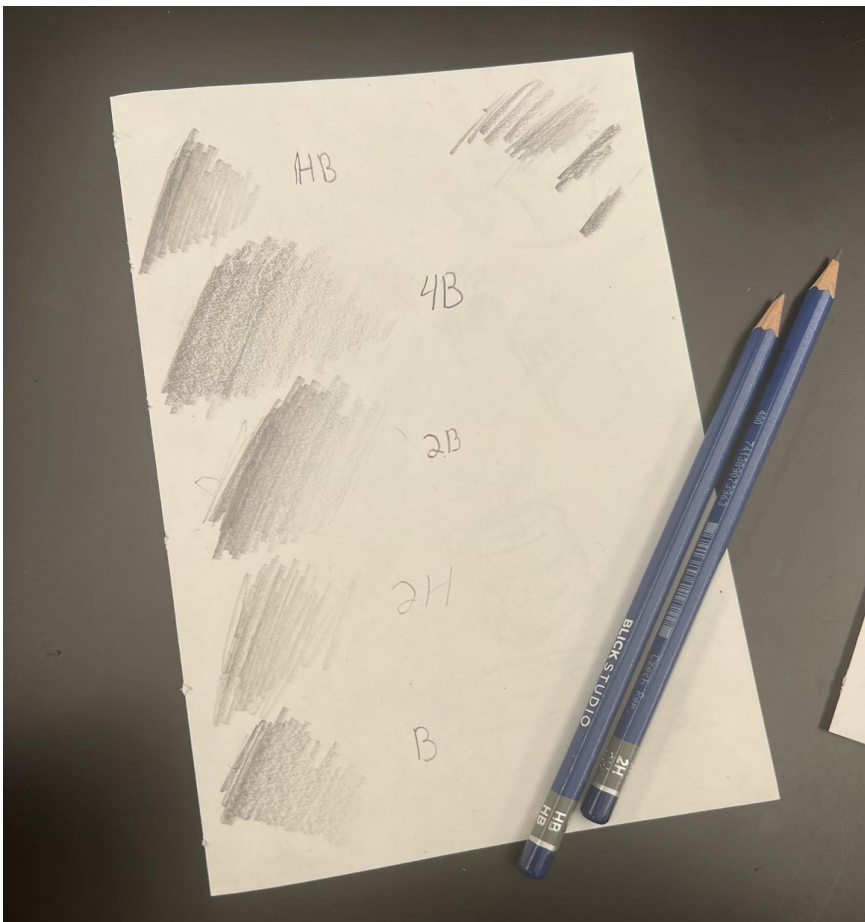
Here are some finished books from the students.



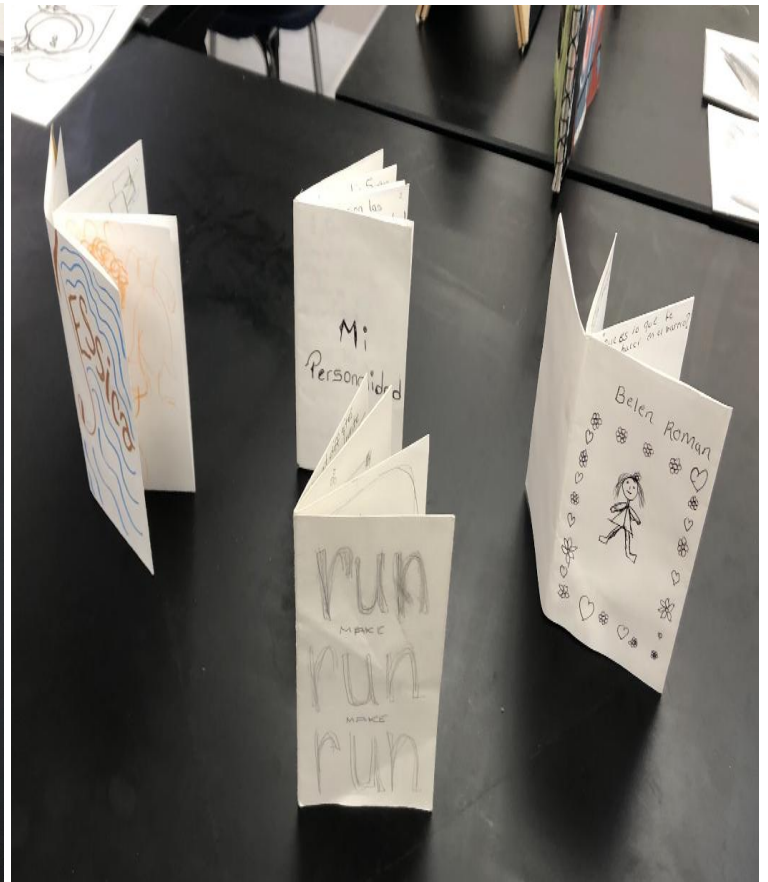
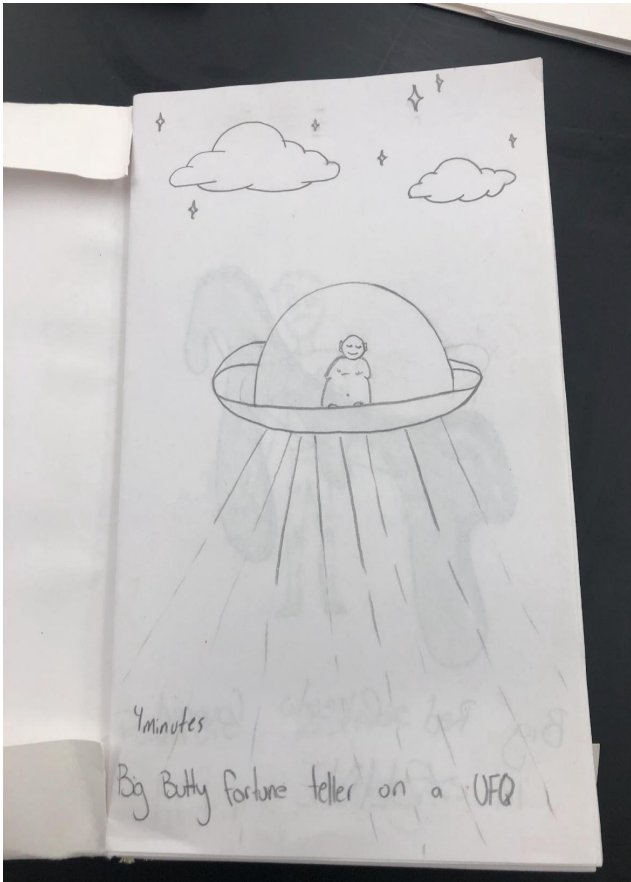




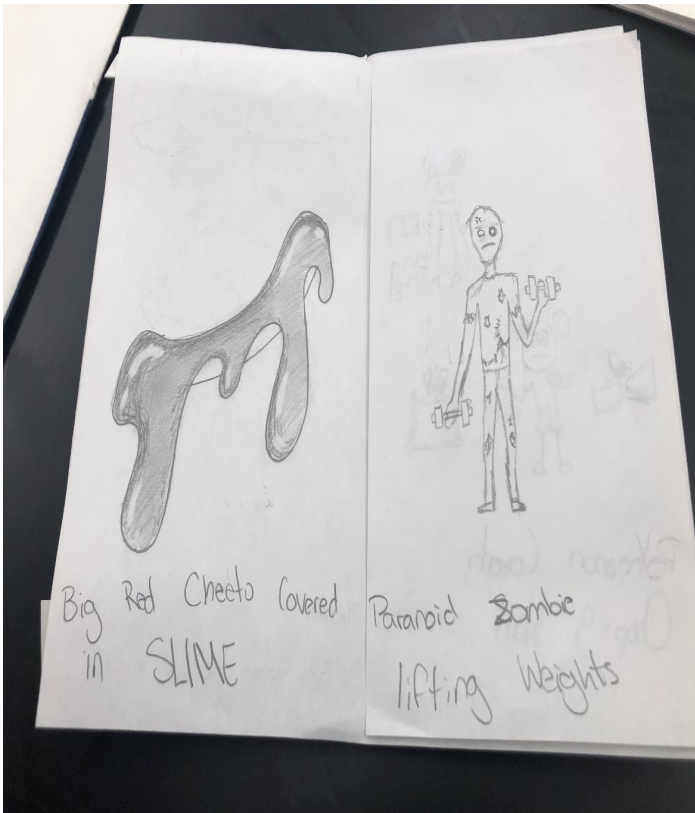
A student drew a butterfly on the journal they created.



A student wanted to see the difference between the types of pencils!



Here are some pictures of the End of Summer Showcase we had!







Here was the final mural we all worked on!!



## My Experience:

I really enjoyed my experience with this program, and mostly since I want to go into the teaching field. Becoming a teacher assistant gave me confidence to explore my different types of options, as well as gave me the opportunity to see what it's like to work with different students, and put me in a position where I never thought I would've been in. I am very thankful for this opportunity because it made me self-reflect on different aspects of many different things. This includes relationship building, social engagement, analyzing

situations, as well as self motivation & self discipline. I feel like this program set a goal for me which was to go for new experiences and try out new things and opportunities that come my way. Helping the students gave me a new feel for things. I enjoyed talking to them one on one. I learned many things about these students, where in some cases I had personal connections with them. I would definitely recommend this program to anyone trying to work with students, or give a feel for new experiences! I would most definitely love to be a part of this program again. Thank you for the opportunity CAPE!

