The summary of: Artful Teaching: Integrating the Art for Understanding the Curriculum, K- 8

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Artful Teaching: Integrating the Art for Understanding the Curriculum, K- 8 by David M. Donahue and Jennifer Stuart is basically a book exactly on what the title describes. Throughout this book both Stuart and Donahue talk about integrating arts into the curriculum of kindergarten through 8th grade. The book talks about the positive that can come from doing so.

To maintain credibility throughout the book, the authors use outside source as examples, such as interviews with teachers and their experiences. And more on other peoples kids experiences through art in a curriculum. Along with these real life examples they also give theories of how art allows students to better as learners in general and certain fun-filled activities to go along.

As I was reading this book it gave me more of an understanding of the need of art in schools and made me more motivated to push for it. It had good activities that are good for evoking young minds in way that could better them in other subjects outside of art.

Ultimately this is a very credible source and a good guide for all art educators everywhere. This book may also help other parents to get behind the arts in the curriculum movement. Parents alone can even just do the activities at home with their kids. It’s a great book, and David Donahue and Jennifer Stuart do a great job of putting together each chapter with real life examples.