

## Literature and the Arts with Susan Lepple

In each class Susan strives to connect kids to children's literature through a variety of experiences. In one session we were inspired by The Hatseller and the Monkeys by Baba Wague Diatake. The students made hats, listened, and moved their bodies to the traditional music of Mali, the home of the author. The pictures included show the artwork that was created after reading Flashlight by Lizi Boyd. After reading Flashlight and doing art that was inspired by the illustrations, the students explored how light illuminates color with flashlights in the darkened classroom. Students were inspired to create the plaster-caste birds after reading Today at the Blue-Bird Cafe, a branchful of birds, a book of poetry by Deborah Ruddell and The Bird House by Cynthia Rylant. Each of these books can be found at the Carpenter-Carse library in Hinesburg.



