

Did you know that illustrators are as important as the authors of children's books? The illustrator is a storyteller with a drawing board and he/ she expresses the story through pictures. No wonder then that Albert Einstein said:

Creativity is intelligence having fun.

The Orchid School has always had authors as visitors ; to influence the children to read and write more. However, since this year is not like any other years , we decided to invite an illustrator to conduct a workshop for our budding fourth grade illustrators.

Maithili Joshi , an illustrator from US conducted a three day workshop for students The students into two batches. They attended the workshop from 5 – 6pm from 14-16th and 17-19th as per their batches.

The workshop covered

- 1.Warming up- Using colours and objects to show emotions- Having the children draw a 10 minute response to, Love isChildren were encouraged to respond to this opening through illustrations. Maithili kept giving them tips on how to improve their work , all the time encouraging them.
2. Pencil shavings exercise- Children were asked to collect pencil shavings beforehand. They were then asked to take and stick them on paper and draw it as anything. Children had good fun creating these. Some of them even created a mini comic strip.
3. Alliterations- This was the last leg of the workshop where participants were supposed to Make an alliterative name of theirs. They were instructed to draw a self-portrait with certain animal features for example- cat ears, wings, claws, tails etc. Children came up with interesting alliterations and illustrated those alliterations creatively.

The students enjoyed this unique illustration workshop and will take this learning forward by using it for the THE ORKIDS blog where they would illustrate their text contributions to make them come alive.