In this six-hour workshop, non-artist teachers will learn the theories and techniques behind arts integration practices. Participants will receive an overview of arts integration, exploring the “why” and “what” of this creative method of teaching. After gaining a solid understanding of the philosophy of arts integration, participants will be split into groups to partner with arts specialists (visual art, music, theater, dance teachers) to explore a variety of arts integration strategies that can be used in their classrooms. By the end of the day, participants will have developed meaningful and authentic arts integration tools to incorporate into their curriculums.

This workshop will be led by Emily Smith, a National Teaching artist from Focus 5, Inc. Emily began her career as an elementary music educator at one of the John F Kennedy Center's "Changing Education Through the Arts" schools, where she also served as an Arts Integration Coordinator. Today, Emily travels to public schools and universities around the country to lead workshops and residencies in arts integration and music education.

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Important Notes:

- This workshop is designed for K-8th grade non-arts teachers (language arts, math, science, social studies, etc.)
- Supplies will be provided.
- Participants should bring an opened mind and craving for creative learning.
- Morning refreshments and lunch will be provided.