Links to Learning with the Museum of the Southwest
The Museum of the Southwest

• Founded in 1965, opened in 1966 and in the historic Turner Mansion since 1968, the Museum of the Southwest has spent over fifty years serving the Midland and West Texas communities by producing exhibitions, programs and events about science, art, astronomy, archaeology, history and culture.

• Our campus consists of the Turner Memorial Art Museum, which is also a historic home, the Fredda Turner Durham Children’s Museum, the Blakemore Planetarium and a Sculpture Garden.
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What we offer

• Tours
• 4\textsuperscript{th} grade Tours
• Outreach
  • MSW comes to you
  • STEAM nights
  • Volunteers
• Teach On! Professional Development for Educators
• Inservices
• Teacher Cohort
Discovery Trunks

• Each group will receive a special trunk and a set of portraits from the Museum of the Southwest’s portrait gallery.

• Investigate the trunks and discover what is inside. What story do the items tell about the person who may have owned them?

• Which portrait do you think your trunk belongs to?
Curate an exhibition activity

• Explore the reproductions of artwork in permanent collection.
• Look for some common themes. What do you notice?
• Select a few of the artworks for your gallery based on a theme you choose.
• Arrange the artworks in your gallery.
• Review the set of math vocabulary cards for your group.
• Sort through the images from the Museum of the Southwest’s permanent collection to find artworks that use your vocabulary words.
• Challenge- is there one work of art that uses ALL of your vocabulary words?
WHAT IS THE PORTAL?
Teachers who are members of the Museum of the Southwest get exclusive access to lesson plans, activities, and resources. To access these resources, please click on the link to the right and sign up. When your membership has been confirmed you will have access to our lesson plans and resources.

Information about our opportunities for all teachers, students, and schools is listed in the grey column below.