



VISUAL ARTS CURRICULUM

Kindergarten and First Grade

The Kindergarten and First Grade Visual Arts Curriculum is taught by a certified visual arts educator who utilizes a sequential curriculum designed to expand students' artistic creativity and knowledge base. Students at this level are formally introduced to the elements and principles of art, including color, line, shape, space, texture, form, balance and pattern.

Connections between artists and artworks from many cultures, art movements and time periods, as well as other areas of curriculum, are used to inspire class discussions and personal work.

Second and Third Grade

The 2nd and 3rd Grade Visual Arts Curriculum is taught by a certified visual arts educator. The elements and principles of art are reviewed, utilized and expanded upon as students develop their knowledge of art vocabulary, art production, appreciation and critical thinking. Art activities are designed to stimulate students' imagination, refine and expand artistic skills, cultivate visible thinking skills, and develop historic and aesthetic awareness. By the end of 3rd grade, students produce high quality work, utilizing a variety of materials and techniques for personal expression, while forming opinions about their art and the creative efforts of others.

Fourth and Fifth Grade

The 4th and 5th Grade Visual Arts Curriculum is taught by a certified visual arts educator. Fourth and fifth grade artists apply knowledge of the elements and principles of art through creative, meaningful artistic experiences inspired by the art of various cultures, historical periods and famous artists. Students are taught to manipulate an increasingly sophisticated variety of tools, materials and techniques while expanding their visible thinking and problem-solving abilities. By the end of 5th grade, students produce high quality, original artwork with an understanding of what it means to be an innovative, creative artist in the 21st century.