



The visual arts standards in preschool focus on experiences and exploration in art-making and with art materials. This helps to develop a foundation and appreciation for visual art. In preschool, students identify art in their daily surroundings, experience that art can be used to represent stories and ideas, explore various art-making processes, and begin to see how art is a part of their community.

Expectations for 2nd Grade Students:

- **Observe and Learn to Comprehend (Know/Comprehend):** Explain the reasons behind and/or decisions for making a piece of art; use basic art terms when discussing their art and the art of others.
- **Envision and Critique to Reflect (Critique/Evaluate/Refine):** Express the meaning or personal importance of a work of art.
- **Invent and Discover to Create (Create/Present):** Use familiar symbols in artwork; use personal ideas to explore different ways to make art.
- **Relate and Connect to Transfer (Connect/Apply/Transfer):** Make art about family, school, and community life.

Throughout 2nd Grade You May Find Students:

- Identifying elements in a piece of art such as simple shapes, lines, colors.
- Trying out many different ways to make artwork that represents personal thoughts and ideas.
- Finding symbols from daily lives to use and place in artwork.
- Identifying art in daily life and why the presence of art is important.