

Third Grade Art - Elementary School

Course Description/Goals:

The fine arts incorporate the study of dance, music, theatre, and the visual arts to offer unique experiences and empower students to explore realities, relationships, and ideas. These disciplines engage and motivate all students through active learning, critical thinking, and innovative problem solving. The fine arts develop cognitive functioning and increase student academic achievement, higher-order thinking, communication, and collaboration skills, making the fine arts applicable to college readiness, career opportunities, workplace environments, social skills, and everyday life. Students develop aesthetic and cultural awareness through exploration, leading to creative expression. Creativity, encouraged through the study of the fine arts, is essential to nurture and develop the whole child.

Course TEKS/Objectives:

The Texas TEKS (Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills) for Art (grade k-5) is organized into four basic strands--foundations: observation and perception; creative expression; historical and cultural relevance; and critical evaluation and response--provide broad, unifying structures for organizing the knowledge and skills students are expected to acquire.

<https://tea.texas.gov/about-tea/laws-and-rules/sboe-rules-tac/sboe-tac-currently-in-effect/ch117a.pdf>

Course Outline:

Semester 1	Semester 2
-Branching, converging, parallel, and perpendicular lines -Repetition of shape for designs -Shade and Tint -Monochromatic and neutral colors -Apply implied and simulated texture to original works -Height, width, depth -2D vs. 3D -Light source -Draw with a range of hard and soft lead pencils, soft pastel, oil pastel, charcoal, and marker	-Watercolor techniques -Introduction to traditional printmaking tools -Explore a variety of sculpture materials -Vocabulary: greenware, bisque, fire, kiln, glaze -Ceramic techniques: pinch, coil, slab, score and slip -Loom, warp, weft, and shuttle -Simple stitcheries -Paper sculpture forms -Basic animation through a flip book

