

Focus on...Art

The goals of the elementary art program are:

1. to develop aesthetic sensitivity.
2. to develop art skills
3. to motivate creative and critical thinking
4. to encourage individual and personal expression
5. to develop social growth and an understanding of the cultural dimensions and contributions of the arts.

These goals reflect the New York State Standards and the curriculum frameworks for the arts. Many projects are designed to work in conjunction with classroom curriculum, strengthening the learning process.

The following are examples of projects and themes we work on throughout the year:

A. Art skills and the use of various materials

Grades pre-first, one and two:

1. Drawing and shading techniques
2. Use of space and close-ups
3. Showing depth in a pictures
4. Color mixing
5. Overlapping shapes
6. Silhouettes
7. Use of texture as an element of design
8. Three-dimensional design
9. Symmetry
10. Symbols

Materials used include temper paints, watercolors, chalk, crayons, colored pencils, markers, cloth, wood, metal, yarn and much more.

B. Famous Artists

Grade One

1. Grandma Moses
2. Vincent Van Gogh
3. Claude Monet

Grade Two

1. Henri Matisse
2. Georgia O'Keeffe
3. Pablo Picasso
4. George Suerat
5. Various book illustrators

- C. Art work from different cultures
- Grade one and pre-first
1. Art work from different cultures
 2. Japanese watercolors
 3. American folk art
 4. Chinese dragons
 5. Egyptian symbols
- Grade two
1. Native American Arts (Plains and Northwest)
 2. Australian Aboriginal Art
 3. Egyptian wall paintings
 4. Japanese fish kites
- D. Architecture - building elements and design and appreciation for buildings from our past.
- Grade One
1. Haunted Houses
 2. Japanese Pagodas
 3. Castles
- Grade Two
1. Tree Houses
 2. Historical buildings from the world
 3. Lighthouses
 4. Egyptian tombs
 5. Community buildings



