

## Sixth, Seventh, and Eighth Grade Art Class

Dear Parents,

Art provides the opportunity to organize, plan, problem solve, reason, create, and explore. Art fosters the students' perception of both their real and imagined worlds. They will learn to grow in self expression, creativity, discovery, and realization of ideas. The world is filled with art, and no one can avoid dealing with art in some form or other.



In these grades, the art program gives students the opportunity to use many different medias throughout the year. Charcoal and colored chalk are used in still life pictures, string art gives students a chance to sew, and paints are used to create mono-prints. Students design their own Victorian houses, they try their hand at abstracts, and they form wire sculptures.

Master paintings are discussed and explored, and we take an updated look at these works of art. For example, students will draw a modern “Mona Lisa”, use scratch art for the painting “Starry Night”, and create their own version of Van Gogh’s “The Chair”. These are just a few painting that will be analyzed. For this age group, a trip is taken to the Cincinnati Art Museum to give students a chance to explore a whole new world of art.

Art is partnered with other classroom courses. For example, we draw tessellations for Math, make “poetry people” for Language Arts, and study art of different cultures from around the world to tie into Social Studies.

Seasonal projects also add fun throughout the year!

If you have any questions, please contact me at school.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Osborne