



ART ROOM NEWS

from Sara
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Welcome to the Art Room ...

It is our great pleasure to be teaching Art at Colin Powell Elementary this year. Thank you for the opportunity to work with your children. We have an exciting, creative and productive art filled year ahead of us!

Included is an overview of the goals of the art curriculum. In Fairfax County art education is a core discipline, essential to the growth and development of the creative and expressive mind of all students. Through instruction in all four of the disciplines of artistic study: art production, art history, art criticism, and aesthetics, students will be provided with the opportunities to: recognize the role and importance of art and artists in society, culture, and history; critically assess works of art from many aesthetic and cultural perspectives; express their own ideas

and feelings; think visually and creatively; and enhance their self-image. It is assumed that each student has a natural creative ability that can be nurtured.

Students will . . .

- ...learn about safety in the art room and how to use safe procedures when handling art materials and tools
- ...learn to use a variety of artist's materials and tools
- ...learn to think creatively and critically when talking about art, looking at art and creating art
- ...see how art is integrated with other curricular areas of study
- ...have the opportunity to make connections among concepts, processes and content learned in art and other subject areas
- ...learn about the history of art including the cultural, social and historic context of art
- ...learn about and recognize great works of art
- ...learn to form and express opinions about their art and the art of others, using art vocabulary.

The content we will be covering in the four disciplines of artistic study will include drawing, painting, ceramics, sculpture, printmaking, fibers, and architecture.

We hope this will give you a broad idea of where we will be going. It will be an exciting journey!

Thank you for your time and support, we look forward to a great year of art with your children!

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Wish List

Parent volunteers are an important part of the art room! If you would like to join us in class, please don't hesitate to sign up. There will be sign-up sheets in students' classrooms during the Back to School Nights or you may send a note to Sara Peterson--Art Room or Jessica Westman--Art Room.

Help will also be needed hanging students' art work. We will have displays throughout the school.

Please think of the art room before you recycle!!!!

- *clean 8 oz. plastic yogurt containers
- * gallon ice cream buckets
- * 32 oz. yogurt, sour cream or cottage cheese containers
- *plastic dish tubs
- *newspaper

*assorted objects that could be used for printmaking--spools, corks, wooden alphabet blocks, combs, plastic forks or any other interesting shaped objects. These objects should have a flat surface for printing and adequate space to grasp for stamping.

Your donations are truly appreciated!!!

Thank you for donating your valuable time and energy to supporting the arts. We look forward to working with you this year!

