

Course Name: Grade 1 Elementary Art
Course #: E6102

Course Description:

The First Grade Art program is designed as an introduction to the visual arts. Students participate in weekly lessons that are 40 minutes in duration. Students study the topics of aesthetics, the elements, and principles of design, critique, world cultures, art history and society and the creation of artwork. The 1st Grade program is a hands-on course that promotes artistic self-expression while developing fine motor control through manipulative and technical skills with a wide range of art materials. The regular display of student work throughout the school buildings provides a vehicle for communicating individual and collective talents.

Course Proficiencies: The following is a list of skills and concepts that students will be proficient in upon successful completion of this course. These proficiencies form the basis of assessment of each student's achievement.

By the end of first-grade students will be able to:

1. Observe and orally communicate opinion regarding a variety of visual art forms(1.4.2.A.3/Gr 2)
2. Identify the basic elements of color, line, shape, rhythm, and texture (1.1.2.D.1/Gr 2)
3. Discuss how art elements are used in specific works of art (1.1.2.D.2/Gr 2)
4. Create works of art using the basic elements of color, line, shape, rhythm, and texture for a variety of subjects and basic media (1.3.2.D.1/Gr 2)
5. Create two and three-dimensional works of art with a variety of media (1.3.2.D.1/Gr 2)
6. Apply principles of positive critique (1.4.2.A.1/Gr 2)
7. Recognize works of art from diverse cultures (1.2.2.A.2/Gr 2)
8. Recognize the main subject or theme in an artwork (1.2.5.A.1/Gr 2)
9. Use visual arts as a method of story-telling (1.3.2.D.2/Gr 2, 1.4.2.A.3/Gr 2)

Assessment:

1. Self-Assessment
2. Rubrics
3. Class Participation and Attitude
4. Verbal Feedback
5. Report Card Grading: The elementary art report card grades are based on two areas:
 - Demonstrates an understanding of skills and concepts
 - Participates with effort, cooperates, follows directions