

# Ms. Young's Art Class Newsletter

## A Year of Art

Parents,

Welcome to Art class! K students have art once a week for 30 minutes. 1<sup>st</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> grade students alternate, having art every other week for 1 full hour.

Over the course of the year students will have many different projects that open their eyes to new materials, skills, concepts, and lots of history. You should expect your child to come home excited each week, having learned something new and wanting to share it with you! The assignments are broken up by trimester, each focusing on a different skill/concept.



## Core Concepts & Skills

and 5<sup>th</sup> grade created Georgia O'Keeffe inspired Stained Glass Leaves.

## Trimester 2

This trimester, students use their Color knowledge to relate to Design and Patterns. *Where do **You** see Design everyday?* is our essential question. Projects are centered around patterns and repetition of shapes, colors, and lines to create beautiful, culturally inspired assignments. Students are being inspired by the work of Laurel Burch, Mehendi designs and Indian celebrations, Grecian Urns, the Ming Dynasty, Medieval castles / Saint Basil's Cathedral and Zentangle. Students are concentrating on their use of line to create unique and fun patterns, while observing everyday things around them.

## How YOU can help

Many ask, "how can I encourage the arts at home"? **Give them time to create!** Drawing, coloring, painting, building with legos, creating avatars and games on the computer allow your child to continue practicing what they have learned in class and explore new ideas. **Coloring is invaluable** – the simple practice of craftsmanship and staying inside the lines helps with hand/eye coordination. **Practice cutting will also help!** Have them cut your coupons! ☺ **Exposing children to art is also valuable!** NJ (colleges and museums) and NYC have tons to offer! Go and explore and ask your child questions about what they already know and how it might relate! Take advantage of any and every walk and car ride, dinner experience you have. You will encourage aesthetic choice, problem-solving, and decision-making while forming a life-long love for the arts!

## Thank You Students & Parents

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