

ART SHOW HIGHLIGHTS

Variety of Art

Kindergarten

Art from many cultures and styles helps students learn about basic shapes and colors, portraits, and landscapes. This program shows the many different ways in which artists express themselves through mediums such as painting, mosaic, tapestries and sculpture.

Art Tells a Story

1st Grade

Students learn how to analyze the clues of composition to “read” an artist’s story. This program explores the stories of people from different places and time periods as diverse as African masks and impressionist landscapes.

Through the Artist’s Eyes

2nd Grade

By comparing van Gogh’s self-portrait and Paul Klee’s head of a Man, students learn to appreciate the individuality of artists’s styles. This program sees the viewpoint of the artist.

Understanding Perspective

3rd Grade

Experiments with aerial and vanishing point perspective explain how artists like Utrillo and Thomas Cole use color and math to show distance. This distance tells how 3-D space is shown on a 2-D surface.

Abstraction in Modern Art

4th Grade

Salvador Dali’s transformations of realistic figures and Charles Demuth’s precisionist style help students learn about realism and abstraction in modern art. This program focuses on Modern Art including the works of Picasso, Rivera and Diebenkom.

Art in American History

5th Grade

American history comes to life as students paint figures in the “primitive” style of colonial artists and create charcoal portraits based on Copley and Stuart. This program tells the story of how American art reflects the changing values of American society.

Ancient Art

6th Grade

Art from ancient civilizations is explored beginning with the Ishtar Gate from Babylonia. Egyptian figure study and classical Greek portrait compare and contrast classical ideals. This program emphasizes the connection between Ancient Art and Ancient History.

Renaissance Ideals

7th Grade

During the Early Renaissance, Uccello explored techniques of foreshortening to show depth in objects, while Lorenzetti learned to use orthogonal lines to show distance in a landscape. Art is used as decoration in the designs of the Irish Book of Kells. This program focuses on the Renaissance techniques of realism and perspective.

The American Experience

8th Grade

American artists record the world they know. Modern artists like Lichtenstein reflect the modern concern with minimalism, emotions and symbolism. This program shows how art reflects the way of life and thinking of the American people.