



Visual Arts

The visual arts standards in the elementary years focus on general art knowledge and skills to help create a foundation for artistic study in later years (drawing, painting, sculpture, graphic design, media arts). In each grade K-5, students explore techniques of various artistic styles, follow developmentally appropriate steps in the creation process, learn how to critique works of art, identify art in the world and daily life, and discover ways that artwork helps people better understand cultures and historical eras.

Expectations for 1st Grade Students:

- **Observe and Learn to Comprehend (Know/Comprehend):** Use artwork to express/explain feelings; describe the emotions or feelings of a piece of artwork; explain a story that might be found in an artwork.
- **Envision and Critique to Reflect (Critique/Evaluate/Refine):** Discuss how people make art; explain the steps used to make a (personal) piece of art.
- **Invent and Discover to Create (Create/Present):** Make art to share their ideas and feelings.
- **Relate and Connect to Transfer (Connect/Apply/Transfer):** Tell their own story through their artwork.

Throughout 1st Grade You May Find Students:

- Reciting or creating stories from a piece of artwork.
- Identifying feelings in artwork images.
- Talking about art images and what they mean personally; discussing how artists share ideas/feelings about particular places through the art.
- Creating pieces of art that express feelings and represent important things; making art with, about, and for others.