



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 2nd Grade Students:

- **Observe and Learn to Comprehend (Know/Comprehend):** Explain the reasons behind and/or decisions for making a piece of art; use basic art terms when discussing their art and the art of others.
- **Envision and Critique to Reflect (Critique/Evaluate/Refine):** Express the meaning or personal importance of a work of art.
- **Invent and Discover to Create (Create/Present):** Use familiar symbols in artwork; use personal ideas to explore different ways to make art.
- **Relate and Connect to Transfer (Connect/Apply/Transfer):** Make art about family, school, and community life.

Throughout 2nd Grade You May Find Students:

- Identifying elements in a piece of art such as simple shapes, lines, colors.
- Trying out many different ways to make artwork that represents personal thoughts and ideas.
- Finding symbols from daily lives to use and place in artwork.
- Identifying art in daily life and why the presence of art is important.