



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 Kindergarten Students:

- **Observe and Learn to Comprehend (Know/Comprehend):** Understand that works of art can represent people, places, and things.
- **Envision and Critique to Reflect (Critique/Evaluate/Refine):** Identify and discuss connections between stories and artwork.
- **Invent and Discover to Create (Create/Present):** Use a range of materials to create artwork.
- **Relate and Connect to Transfer (Connect/Apply/Transfer):** Identify art in daily life; understand that artists have an important role in communities.

Throughout Kindergarten You May Find Students:

- Identifying feelings and emotions connected with pictures (in books); listing the possible feelings an artist might be trying to create (in an illustration in a book).
- Identifying the most important character/person in an image; identifying the setting shown in an image.
- Answering questions about stories in artwork images; pointing at pictures that represent the beginning, middle, and end of a story.
- Making a variety of artworks using different materials.
- Identifying art in their life.