

In the Art Studio

Welcome Back to Art!

Dear Families,

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I hope you all had a fun and restful summer! As we look forward to a new school year, I want to share some exciting updates designed to give your students a kind, peaceful, creative, and productive art studio experience this school year.

First, we have installed new acoustic panels in the studio. These panels will help soften echoes and reduce loud background noise caused by the hard surfaces throughout the classroom, creating a much calmer and more focused environment for everyone.

Second, each class has contributed to our class agreements and these agreements are posted on the walls of the studio. We all enjoyed discussing ways we can be kind, peaceful, creative and productive learners in the studio. Also, I have introduced a NEW daily Art Rubric to help students be successful. Each day, students begin with 5 points automatically. Our class time is structured into predictable, achievable steps, making it easy for students to meet these goals.

Grades will be calculated at the end of each art project based on the 5 daily points. The daily routine and the daily art rubric will be posted in the classroom along with the project steps/directions. All grades will be calculated by adding up the 5 point rubric which is kept daily for the duration of the project. I will give students reminders for the first few art classes about keeping points. After that, I will remind students once or twice during the class. If I need to remind more than that, I will subtract a point from their total for the day. Absent students will automatically receive full points for missed days. Students in grades 3 through 6 can make up time to complete a project before school (7:30–8:20 am) M, T, W by appointment. Or M, T, after school from 2:45–3:20 pm, also by appointment.

We will do a soft rollout of these new standards over the first two weeks of class. I would greatly appreciate your help in discussing these positive updates with your student. Together, we can ensure a wonderful year of artistic growth! Please email me with questions.

Sincerely, Ms. Cox

Our Daily Routine

- 1** Hallway Expectations— 1 PT
- 2** First 5 Minutes (Supplies, instructions and demo)— 1 PT
- 3** STUDIO FOCUS (Work Time 27 Minutes) — 1 PT
- 4** STUDIO VOICE LEVEL (Also during work time 27 Minutes) — 1 PT
- 5** RESET & CLEANUP (Last 7 Minutes) — 1 PT

The Daily Art Rubric = 5 points

Hallway Expectations 1 point	Stand in a single file line and wait to enter the studio.	I will wait until you are quiet.
INSTRUCTION & Demo 1 point	Enter Quietly Sit in your assigned seat Watch the INSTRUCTIONS/demo silently	TABLE CAPTAINS ONLY Safely and silently get your table's supply bin in 1 minute
Studio Focus 1 point	Follow the written directions on the screen and STAY ON TASK	Do your work Stay in your assigned seat
Studio Voice Level 1 point	Use a LEVEL 1 VOICE Only talk to your tablemates	LEVEL 1 VOICE = Quiet whisper
Reset & Clean Up 1 point	Freeze when the timer sounds QUIETLY (level 1 voice) Put your art in the table folder Wipe your table area and your hands	Sit Quietly TABLE CAPTAINS ONLY: Quietly return the organized supply bin and throw away wipes

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