

Elementary Art Department Philosophy Statement

The Waukeee Elementary Art classroom is a place where wonder and curiosity can flourish. It's a place where students have a variety of opportunities to express their thoughts and feelings about their identity, their community, and the world beyond. They will have the freedom and comfort needed for growth and learning through imaginations, discoveries, experiments, critical thinking, failures, and problem-solving. They will be given our trust to make their own artistic decisions along the path of their own unique creative process. Finally, we believe in the importance of instilling a love and joy for art making.

1st Grade Art Description

Waukeee 1st Grade Art students will explore a variety of artmaking processes, materials, and tools in experiences such as handbuilding and attaching with clay, developing in craftsmanship and sculpture techniques, paper weaving, drawing with texture and patterns, advancing their knowledge of color theory, and watercolor and tempera painting. Students will learn how to present their art, interpret art, along with its value and meaning. Students will make personal connections through artmaking and select artworks for a personal portfolio.

Students will...

- Explore a variety of artmaking processes
- Understand and apply color theory concepts related to the color wheel and secondary colors
- Understand and apply elements of art and principles of design related to texture and pattern
- Learn artmaking techniques related to clay, 3D Sculpture, painting, drawing, and 2D Mixed Media

1st Grade Art Units

Students will complete approximately 9 art projects during the year. Projects will include exploration of the following mediums:

- 1) Clay
- 2) 3D Sculpture
- 3) Painting
- 4) Drawing
- 5) 2D Mixed Media