

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.

2nd Grade Art Description

Waukeee 2nd Grade Art students will explore a variety of artmaking processes, materials, and tools in experiences such as slab rolling with clay, basic assemblage techniques, printmaking, drawing with form and value, and watercolor and tempera painting (accompanied by brush cleaning). Students will learn how to discuss artistic choices with learned art vocabulary, for both their own art and the art of others. Students will make personal connections through artmaking, begin to categorize artwork by theme and/or concept, and select artworks for a personal portfolio.

Students will...

- Explore a variety of artmaking processes
- Understand and apply color theory concepts related to contrast, opposite colors, and warm vs cool colors
- Understand and apply elements of art and principles of design related to form and value
- Learn artmaking techniques related to clay, 3D Sculpture, painting, drawing, 2D Mixed Media, and printmaking

2nd Grade Art Units

Students will complete approximately 8 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
- 6) Printmaking