

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.

4th Grade Art Description

Waukeee 4th Grade Art students will explore a variety of artmaking processes which reflect different tools, materials, backgrounds, and cultures. Students will learn to apply concepts such as tints and shades, positive and negative space, and one-point perspective. Potential experiences may include visiting the Des Moines Art Center and downtown Pappajohn Sculpture Park. Students will organize and develop authentic artistic ideas through brainstorming, creative problem solving, organizing, and selecting art for presentation.

Students will...

- Explore a variety of artmaking processes
- Understand and apply color theory concepts related to tints and shades
- Understand and apply elements of art and principles of design related to positive and negative space
- Learn artmaking techniques related to clay, 3D Sculpture, painting, drawing, and 2D Mixed Media

4th Grade Art Units

Students will complete approximately 6 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) When possible, students will also visit the Des Moines Art Center and Pappajohn Sculpture Park