WCSD Art Curriculum

5th Grade Art Overview



Elementary Art Department Philosophy Statement

The Waukee 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.

5th Grade Art Description

Waukee 5th grade art students will explore a variety of artmaking processes, materials, and tools in experiences such as a functional clay project with a combination of handbuilding techniques, advancing 3D sculpture techniques, an introduction to acrylic paint, drawing projects including shading techniques, mixed media focusing on stitchery, and digital art. Students will advance their knowledge of color theory skills by creating a color palette. Students will make personal connections through artmaking and will select artworks for presentation.

Students will...

- Explore a variety of artmaking processes
- Understand and apply color theory concepts related to creating a color palette
- Understand and apply elements of art and principles of design related to unity and balance
- Learn artmaking techniques related to clay, 3D Sculpture, painting, drawing, 2D Mixed Media, and digital art

5th 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) Digital Artmaking