

Island Park School District
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Course Description:

In Pre-K, Students will be introduced to the art environment and basic art skills. The course will focus on technical skills to create works of art. These art works will often work on drawing, painting, cutting and gluing. Placement of lines, shapes and objects will also be worked on.

New York State Learning Standards For Art Education

1. Expresses oneself and represents what he/she knows, thinks, believes and feels through visual arts.

Experiments with a variety of mediums and methods of using art materials (such as using a big brush to paint broad strokes, combining colors, etc.).

Shows an interest in what can be created with tools, texture, color and technique.

Uses materials to build and create “pieces” that represent another item (blocks become a castle; clay becomes a snake).

Chooses materials and subjects with intent and purpose.

Paints, draws and constructs models based on observations.

2. Responds and react to visual arts created by themselves and others.

Expresses an interest in drawings, sculptures, models, paintings, and art creations of others.

Identifies similarities and differences among samples of visual art.

Shares opinions about visual arts, creations, and experiences.

Pre-K Learning Priority:

Learning basic shapes, lines, colors, and techniques such as drawing, cutting, gluing, painting, weaving & creating collages.

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September

Project: Exploring Watercolor

Essential Questions

What happens when colors mix?

What happens when there's too much water?

What happens when there's not enough water?

How do you hold a paintbrush?

Project: Ice Cream Cones!

Essential Questions

Exploring Color, Shapes and Cutting

What are primary colors?

What are secondary colors?

What happens when you mix primary colors?

How do you draw/paint a circle?

How do you cut out a circle? What tool do you use to cut?

How do you cut a triangle? How many sides does it have?

What can you use to stick all of your pieces together?

October

Project: Kandinsky Circle Collage

Essential Questions

Exploring Color, Shape and cutting

What colors stand out next to each other?

What colors look similar?

What do you use to cut a shape?

Cutting Circles and Drawing Circles

Exploring crayons on colored paper vs. paper on paper

Project: Pumpkin Patch

Essential Questions

How can you create grass-using paint?

How can you add texture to your grass?

How can you create a pumpkin using paint and your thumb instead of a paintbrush?

November

Project: Mondrian Inspired Art

Essential Questions

How many sides does a square have?

How many sides does a rectangle have?

What is the difference between a square and a rectangle?

Can you cut out squares and rectangles using primary colors?

What is an outline?

What are horizontal lines?

What are vertical lines?

Can you paint horizontal and vertical lines around your squares and rectangles?

Project: Warm & Cool Color Leaf collage

Essential Questions

What makes you warm? What are warm colors?

What makes you cold? What are cool colors?

Can you create a warm color tissue paper collage?

Can you create movement like wind using cool colors on cool paper?

December

Project: Warm and Cool Snowy houses

Essential Questions

What are cool colors?

Can you cut squares, rectangles and triangles using cool colors to create houses?

What are warm colors?

Can you use warm colors to draw windows and doors on your houses?

What color is snow?

Can you rip a white piece of paper and glue it to create snowy hills?

What colors are trees?

Are their leaves on trees during the winter?

How can you draw a tree with no leaves?

How can you add snow to the sky using paint?

How can you add snow to the houses using paint?

January

Project: Line paintings

Essential Questions

What is a line?

What types of lines are there?

How can you draw a line?

Can you draw 8 different types of lines?

Can you paint a different color in between each line?

Can you alternate your colors warm then cool?

Project: Line and Shape Watercolor Resist

Essential Questions

Using a black crayon can you draw wavy lines horizontally across your page from the top to the bottom?

Using different colored crayons, in between each line can you draw a pattern using a shape or a new line?

Can you paint over your entire picture using black watercolor paint?

What happened to your crayon drawing when you painted it over with black watercolor paint?

February

Project: Weaving

Essential Questions

How can we weave ribbon through a weaving loom?

Can you use ribbon to weave through the loom?

Can you change the size and colors of your ribbons as you weave them through?

What happens if you don't go over and under the strings as you weave?

How does the ribbon stay in place?

Project: Hearts of Love

Essential Questions

Can you write the letters L and E using white paint?

How can you make your letters thick?

Can you use your hand as a stamp? What letter does it look like?

Can you use your feet as a stamp? What letter does it look like?

What colors represent love? What colors do you think when I mention Hearts?

March

Project: Tissue Paper Box Monsters

Essential Questions

How can we create a monster face out of a tissue paper box?

Where can the mouth be?

How can you create Eyes?

How can you create teeth?

How can you add hair?

How can you create a nose?

How can you create a tongue?

April

Project: Pop Art Portraits

Essential Questions

What is pop art?

Who is Andy Warhol?

How can you create a pop art portrait?

How can you add color to your picture like Andy Warhol?

What is a color wheel?

Can you use the colors in order of the color wheel to paint your 6 portraits?

Project: Emotional Portraits

Essential Questions

How can you tell someone is sad? Happy? Surprised? Angry?

How can you show your sad? Happy? Surprised? Angry?

Can you draw four self portraits, showing each of these emotions?

What features will you need to add to your portraits?

May

Project: Jackson Pollack Marble Paintings

Essential Questions

How can you use the marble to paint?

What size marble makes a thick line on your paper?

What size marble makes a thin line on your paper?

How does your artwork look similar to Jackson Pollack's artwork?

Project: Matisse Fish Bowls

Essential Questions

Can you create a fish with clay?

Can you draw and paint a fish bowl?

Can you use construction paper to make a table?

Can you glue your table onto a background paper?

Can you glue your fish bowl onto your table?

Using paint, can you paint your fish? What colors are fish?

Can you glue your fish inside your fish bowl?

June

Project: Flower collage

Essential Questions

How can you make a flower with clay?

How many different types of flowers can you make with clay?

What color is the sky? How can you create a sky using paint? Can you paint a sky on your paper?

Using paper or string can you make grass for your artwork? Can you glue your grass on?

How can you make a stem for your flower? Using a pipe cleaner or string glue on several stems for your flowers.

Can you paint your flowers? What colors are flowers? What colors are you going to paint your flowers?

Can you glue your flowers to your stems?

Project: Dr. Seuss Trees

Essential Questions

Can you rip paper and glue it for the grass?

Can you make tree trunks with popsicle sticks? How does Dr. Seuss draw his trees?

Can you add lines to your tree trunks?

Can you glue on your popsicle sticks to the grass?

Can you make the tops of your trees colorful and glue on pompoms?

What color pompoms will you use?