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## AFIA Visual Arts Newsletter (Remote Learning Edition!)

# Spring is here and it's the perfect time to make art and get outdoors.



### **Hello Amazing Artists!**

Welcome AFIA scholars and families. I hope you are all doing well and taking good care of yourselves and each other. Each week I will be sending out a newsletter with art activities and ideas to help you continue learning about the arts and getting creative during this time we are apart. This week we will be focusing on painting “en plein air”, or **landscape** painting outdoors.



Each scholar should be receiving a packet of supplies including art materials and a watercolor paint set. Your job this week is to go outside and **paint what you see**. Grab your materials and head out to the front steps, the porch, the backyard, or anywhere safe where you can see things like trees, houses, plants, or even cars and roads. The idea is to capture the big picture instead of focusing on the little stuff. Don't worry about getting everything right. You can change the colors of the things around

you, add your own characters or animals, or skip things that you don't want in your landscape. Just have fun and be creative!

Here is a fun video to watch before you start of someone getting set up to paint outdoors and good ways to choose a **composition**:

<https://youtu.be/3SISqVJDBQs>



You will need:

- Paper
- Watercolor Paint Set (including the paintbrush)
- A cup of water
- Something hard to set your paper on- like a big book or the back of your dry erase board
- A paper towel or napkin

#### **4th-6th Graders:**

Write an **artist statement** explaining *what* you chose to paint, *why* you chose that particular scene, *what* you liked about it and 1 thing you would do differently next time. Email Mrs. Dorothy your artist statement along with a picture of your painting.

#### **Everyone:**

You are welcome to paint as many scenes as you like. If you make a mistake, just grab a new paper and try again. You can also use your problem-solving skills to turn a mistake into something else.

Remember our book Beautiful Oops ? When you are done, **send me an email or text with a picture of your artwork** so I can include it in the next newsletter. My email address:

Email: [dorothy.miller@afiakc.org](mailto:dorothy.miller@afiakc.org)

I can't wait to see what you make!

-Mrs. Dorothy

**Here are some links to other art activities and virtual art museums that you can explore:**

<https://kinderart.com/grades/k-2/>

<http://kinderart.com/art-lessons-by-grade/>

<https://www.happinessishomemade.net/quick-easy-kids-crafts-anyone-can-make/>

<https://artsandculture.google.com/partner/national-gallery-of-art-washington-dc?hl=en>

<https://artsandculture.google.com/partner/the-metropolitan-museum-of-art>

<https://artsandculture.google.com/partner/van-gogh-museum?hl=en>