

2nd Grade Art

OVERVIEW STATEMENT

The second grade art curriculum builds sequentially on the first grade art curriculum. The students continue their chronological study of art history with units of study on ancient Greek and Roman art and architecture. A unit on pattern explores different types and uses of pattern in ancient times and the present.

Unit #1: Pattern Designs

The students will investigate systems of ordering and arranging found in diverse historic and cultural examples of pattern. They will consider the function patterns have served - structural, decorative, and symbolic. A range of studio activities enables the student to experiment creatively with different media in the making of his/her own patterns.

Units #2 & 3: Art of Ancient Greece and Rome

The students will study the art of ancient Greece and Rome and consider the similarities and differences with life and art of the present day. Studio activities will allow the students to develop drawing, painting and sculptural skills while learning figurative/portrait drawing and how to tell a story in art.

Unit #4: Architecture

The students will learn about architecture, what it means, and its significance in history and in art. They will learn about factors that affect architectural design and construction - climate, function and the materials available.

The students will study the architecture of ancient Greece and Rome, discussing and analyzing structural and aesthetic qualities.

The students will explore architectural design with studio activities.

SUMMARY:

All of the units of instruction involve Art Production, Art History, Art Criticism, and Art Philosophy.