Visual Art Curriculum

The purpose of our Fine Art program is to give each child tools for personal expression by building knowledge and skills about the elements and principles of art as well as an appreciation for art. A child's creative ideas come from deep within and are accepted and valued. This enables the child to continue to use art as an avenue for self-expression. The teaching methods are sensitive to all types of learners, are age appropriate, and provide students with opportunity to improve their visual awareness and critical thinking skills.

Elements of Visual Art

Line -- extension of a point

Shape -- two dimensional space or area

Color -- illusory phenomena of light

Texture - surface quality

Pattern -- repeated line or design

Value -- light to dark

Form -- three dimensional and space or volume

Composition -- placement of line, shape, color, texture, etc.

Principles of Visual Art

Emphasis -- focal point

Variety -- change

Harmony -- agreement between elements and symbols

Balance -- equal distribution

Movement -- attention of one aspect to another

Theme -- subject

Art Appreciation

Periods of Art History

Famous Artists from these periods

Multi-Cultural Art

Styles of Art

<u>Medium</u>

Oil pastels, chalk, drawing pencil, paint, marking pens, watercolor, paper, fabric, clay, weaving, mixed media, etc.

Cross Curriculum

Art will be used as a continuation and expansion of the basic grade level curriculum.