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Art Newsletter

Nathan Hale School

Fall 2019

Welcome back for the 2019-2020 school year! It’s going to be a fun, exciting and creative one in the art room this year. Each elementary student will have about forty-five minutes of art class each week here at Nathan Hale. In that short amount of time students will learn about; a multitude of art genres, art making techniques, elements and principles of art, and the historical and cultural significance of art.

-Ms. Horne

**We will be having a year-long optional drawing challenge in the art room. Each week, a new assignment will be written on the board. Students are challenged to see how creatively they can complete the task through a medium of their choice-drawing, painting, photography, sculpture, etc. This can be made at home and brought in.**

Recognitions

**Computer Art-** Most computers come with

basic drawing programs, and some websites have free drawing programs. Some great art websites are listed below.

**http://www.getty.edu/gettygames/**

***http://www.moma.org/interactives/destination/#***

**Visit Art Museums**– Connecticut is abundant with art museums and many of them have one or two days that have free admission per month. For a complete listing of local museums go to the following website for the CT art trail **www.arttrail.org**

Extending Art Education Outside of the Classroom:

*If students take what they learn in art class and continue to learn about art at home, they will have further enriched their education. The following are some tips on how parents can encourage their child’s creativity outside of school!*

To start off the year, students in K through 4 will be working on a unit focus on lines in art. This is one of the important foundations of are called an element of art. Each year, the students work on more advanced concepts of how line can be used in art.

Students in grades 5-8 will be focusing on developing their skills during their specific studio class. Again, as the students’ progress in grade, the complexity of the concepts progresses. I can’t wait to see what all our talented students are capable of this year!

Current Topics of Students

**Found Object Sculpture–** Gather various items from home and glue/staple, or tape them together to make a sculpture (paper towel tubes, egg cartons, clean food containers work well for this project)

**Observational Drawing**–

Take a clipboard with paper attached to it outside and gather items from nature (sticks, rocks, leaves, flowers). Carefully observe each item, and draw each object in detail.

\*Art supply donations are always welcome!\*