

Lower School Studio Art / Art History

Overview for Parents

Teacher: Lee Emerson

Content Goals

The Lower School uses an art program designed for use with the Core Knowledge curriculum. One of the goals of this program is to introduce students to important artists and their works. The artists covered in each grade are outlined in *The Core Knowledge Sequence*. At the beginning of each lesson, students will learn about the artist whose work is being presented. I will give them some information about the artwork. I will ask the class some questions, hoping to encourage students to discuss what they have learned. Next, children explore the artist and technique through a hands-on activity. For example, first graders may look at a Cezanne still life painting. The class will learn what a still life painting is and notice how the artist uses contrasting colors to make the fruit in his painting easy to see. Students will then create their own still life of simple objects showing contrasting colors. My goal is to have students develop fundamental art skills and vocabulary such as line, shape, form, and composition, while at the same time they become familiar with important artists and works of art.

Expectations for Students

Students will be expected to think about and discuss artworks and the artists who created them. I hope that they will participate in discussions of what they have learned. Students are expected to visually explore the ideas covered during class discussion. Older students may also be asked to critique their own artwork. Students are expected to be courteous, attentive, and respectful in class.

Homework Requirements

There will be no homework for Lower School students. Occasional "homework" may be to bring in an item(s) from home to be used in a project the following week.

Contacting the Teacher

If you have any questions or concerns, my e-mail is lee.emerson@crossroadsacademy.org. My phone number at school is 795-3111 (ext. 128).



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