



ART DOCENT PROGRAM™

Learning about art. Making art.

The Art Docent Program satisfies a wide range of academic standards.

“Meaningful appreciation and study of works of art begins with close observation. The Core Standards in Literacy similarly describe reading as the product of sustained observation and attention to detail.

The arts reward sustained inquiry and provide a perfect opportunity for students to practice the discipline of close observation.”

- “Guiding Principles for the Arts” by David Coleman, an author of the Common Core State Standards

The Art Docent Program makes connections to many of the principles outlined by Coleman. These include interpreting an artwork as you would a text, allowing students to develop skills demanded by a standards-based education. Students in the ADP practice observing, responding, analyzing, comparing and contrasting, making connections and developing a lifelong curiosity about the

arts over the course of our K-6 curriculum. They study the “social, political and cultural contexts of works of art while maintaining an in depth focus on each work.” Our Program also sustains high quality conversation and engagement and prepares students to develop arts literacy as well as their own art. The lessons are developmentally appropriate and sequential.

The Art Docent Program and the Common Core State Standards

Common Core Standards															
Grades	Themes	Writing			Speaking and Listening						Language				
		W.1	W.2	W.3	SL.1	SL.2	SL.3	SL.4	SL.5	SL.6	L.1	L.3	L.5	L.6	
Kindergarten	Houses		x		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	N/A	x	x
First Grade	Pets			x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	N/A	x	x
Second Grade	Line				x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Third Grade	Food				x	x	x	x	x				x	x	x
Fourth Grade	Fantasy & Imagination			x	x	x							x	x	
Fifth Grade	Cities			x	x	x							x		
Sixth Grade	Italian Renaissance				x	x							x		

The Art Docent Program and the Visual and Performing Arts

Visual and Performing Arts Standards																		
Kindergarten Themes	1.0 Artistic Perception			2.0 Creative Expression						3.0 Historical & Cultural Context		4.0 Aesthetic Valuing				5.0 Connections, Relationship, Applications		
	AP.1.1	AP.1.2	AP.1.3	CE.2.1	CE.2.2	CE.2.3	CE.2.4	CE.2.5	CE.2.6	HCC.3.2	HCC.3.3	AV.4.1	AV.4.2	AV.4.3	AV.4.4	CRA.5.1	CRA.5.2	CRA.5.4
Fall & Spring	x	x	x	x	x	x				x	x	x	x	x	x			x
Houses	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		x		x	x	x	x	x	x		x
Parents & Children	x	x	x	x	x		x	x		x	x	x	x	x	x			x
Portraits	x	x	x		x						x	x	x	x	x			x
Stories	x	x	x		x	x	x	x		x	x	x	x	x	x			x
Pictures	x	x	x	x	x		x	x	x		x	x	x	x	x	x		x
Old West	x	x	x	x	x				x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		x
Animals	x	x	x		x						x	x	x	x	x			x