

Welcome and Thank you
for volunteering this year in our 2018-2019
Art Awareness Program...we are very excited to work with you!



Our goal is to support you so that you can provide meaningful lessons to our young artists. We want the children to learn that art is everywhere and everyone is an artist, and that through the lessons you facilitate they will find joy in the process over the outcome. This guide is for you to refer to throughout the year for important information regarding our program.

We (MLissa Fleming and Ryley Katz) are here to help you have a memorable year with your child in their classroom. Do not hesitate to reach out to us either through Konstella or email at artawareness@walnutacrespfc.net with any questions you may have!

"Every child is an artist. The problem is how to remain an artist once we grow up."
-Pablo Picasso

"Creativity is intelligence having fun."
-Albert Einstein

What is Art Awareness?

Art Awareness is a parent facilitated enrichment program that directs students in their appreciation of art by teaching how to see and talk about Art using appropriate vocabulary and how to recognize techniques utilized by Artists. Through introducing Fine Art Prints into the classroom, Art Awareness volunteers illustrate the basic building blocks of art - color, line and shape.

The program builds the understanding of these concepts through each grade level and develops into larger discussions such as "What is Art?" It eventually leads to understanding and appreciation of the variations expressed in different movements such as Realism, Cubism, Expressionism, Impressionism and Pop Art.

What is my role and responsibility as an ART LEAD?

To work with both the classroom teacher and helpers to provide a monthly art lesson. You have freedom in your lessons...you can do exactly what is written in the lesson plans or you may take the topic and select a different project. You are responsible for checking in with the classroom teacher prior to your scheduled lesson to be sure that any classroom supplies needed will be available and that your entry into the classroom will be seamless. Additionally, you are responsible for communicating with the Art Awareness helpers in your class about upcoming lessons and seeking additional classroom volunteers should a regular volunteer not be available.

Where do I get my lessons from?

Your grade level packet is available online at:

<http://www.walnutacrespfc.net/activities/art-awareness>

For additional ideas you can also refer to the PFC website and/or follow Walnut Acres Art Awareness on Pinterest where we have created topic-based boards. The Pinterest account is called **artawareness** and user name is **WA Art**. If you have trouble accessing it, let us know and we'll send you a connection request.

We are also in the process of compiling lesson plans from previous Art Awareness leads and should have that ready soon. If you're looking for a specific lesson, let us know and we can see what we have and/or can brainstorm with you.

What does a lesson generally look like?

Introduction of basic Art Concept or Technique (5 minutes)

Illustration of Art Concept through examples & Discussion (10 minutes)

Hands-on activity//Art Project (35 minutes)

Clean up (10 minutes)

What are my steps to completing a lesson?

★ Before each lesson:

- Konstella will remind you and your helpers of upcoming lessons.
- ALL CLASSES ARE HELD INSIDE THE CLASSROOM, THEREFORE, ONGOING COMMUNICATION WITH YOUR CLASSROOM TEACHER IS IMPORTANT

- MOST ART SUPPLIES ARE STORED IN THE WALNUT ACRES COPY ROOM CABINETS; plan out which materials you'll need in advance and utilize the Art Cart to move materials to your classroom
 - Select lesson and decide on art project to support the lesson
 - Many examples available: on the PFC Art Awareness website, other art teacher websites, Pinterest, fellow parents
 - Practice and create a sample of the project - with your own child at home
 - Make sure adequate supplies are available for the lesson. If materials are missing or there are not enough, please email artawareness@walnutacrespfc.net to let us know.
 - There is an "art cart" available to transport your materials stored next to Amanda's desk - please do not prep your supplies more than 48 hours in advance.
 - NEW THIS YEAR - Notate which supplies you're using, as well as any supplies you've used up, on the Art Awareness Supplies Checkout Sheet on board behind the door in the copy room.
- ★ During each lesson:
- Have material pulled out of cabinets and prepared, starting with empty desks to hold students' attention; use placemats at classroom desks as required
 - Use art samples/examples from rolling cart to illustrate concepts. Each lesson includes one or two appropriate art pieces, labeled by number.
 - Hold children's attention by asking leading questions instead of lecturing or reading straight from lesson notes
 - Encourage children to express their opinions and observations - there are no right or wrong answers. Art is about the process, not the outcome.
- ★ After each lesson:
- Clean up classroom, including rinsing and drying all brushes and paint trays
 - Return art from rolling cart to appropriate place (ordered by number)
 - Take home and store all projects until the end of the year; if projects need to dry overnight, work with classroom teacher to find drying space and pick up work the following day
 - Follow up with parents a description of what their children did in Art Awareness that day. A few sentences and a photo or two of some sample projects from the day's class can be emailed to the parents through the Room Parents/Konstella

When do we get to showcase the wonderful art we have made?

The Walnut Acres ART SHOW MARCH 14, 2018

You and your helpers are responsible for entering and displaying an Art project for your class. Please plan ahead as March sneaks up on us after the holidays. You'll ideally plan two lessons as possible classroom entries into the art show to ensure one works out. It is our goal that all students are represented in the art show, so if you have children who are absent during a lesson, you'll need to work out a plan with the teacher to ensure those children have the opportunity to complete the project.

You and your helpers will be responsible for hanging the art the morning of the show and taking down the art after the show ends that evening. Information regarding registering your class will be sent to you via Konstella as we get closer.

What do I do with the art at the end of the school year?

Student artwork will be returned to students at Open House (May 23, 2018). Prior to that date, you'll compile all student artwork from the year into individual portfolios for teachers to distribute to parents. We recommend using one of your art awareness lessons to work with the students to make their own portfolios to make it easier for you to sort projects after each is completed.

What art supplies do we have and what if we need something else?

- ★ Art Supplies are stored in the copy room cabinets, all labeled Art Awareness.
- ★ Art Prints and Visual Aids: In order in the rolling cart in closet in MUR - please keep in order and return materials ASAP.
- ★ Paints and Brushes: teach children to be gentle; please rinse and dry brushes and blot dry watercolor trays before returning.
- ★ Paper: Multimedia: good for almost everything. Colored Construction Paper: Lots of colors, 12x18. If you need smaller, please use paper cutters in Office. Save scraps bigger than 4x6.
- ★ Clay - we have a kiln and are working on getting it fixed.
- ★ Individual Class Budgets: We have the room well-stocked, but if you have an idea for a project for your class that needs additional materials, every class is given a \$25 yearly budget. Submit original receipts with reimbursement form to our file in the Office. PFC is requesting that reimbursables are submitted no later than 30 after purchase so they can keep on top of current financial standing.

Tips & Tricks - HAVE FUN!

- ★ Plan your lessons all at once (see attached guide) - some may take more than one session
- ★ Use your helpers...include them in the prep of the lesson
- ★ Talk to other leads in your grade level and share away
- ★ 99 cent store tablecloths can save much time cleaning up a MESSY project
- ★ Wait to pass out supplies until they are needed

"Art has the role in education of helping children become like themselves instead of more like everyone else."

-Sydney Gurewitz Clemens

"Art is a place for children to learn to trust their ideas, themselves and to explore what is possible."

-Maryann F. Kohl

Art Awareness School Year Lesson Planner

Grade Level_____

Date/Time	Topic and Supplies needed to collect

Sample Classroom lesson

Art Awareness (Grade _____)

Lesson Topic: _____

Date _____

OBJECTIVE:	VOCABULARY:	SUPPLIES NEEDED:	BOOKS and/or VISUAL AIDS:
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The Concept (5 Minutes)

- Today we are going to learn about being an artist - does anyone know what an "artist" is? (Get a couple ideas from the class) The neatest thing about art and being an artist is that no two creations that people make are the same! We are going to have lots of opportunities this year to make art in our class and in art awareness. And the most important thing is that we have fun! No one is a "good artist" or a "bad artist" because we all see the world differently so we all put it down on paper differently!
- Today we are going to learn more about XXXX.
- Let's read a book about XXX or look at a piece of art
- After reading/looking at art: What did you like about it? What can we learn from it?

The Lesson (10 minutes)

Utilize lessons from book or visual aids; teach art concept.
Ask questions. Make it interactive.
Do a demo of the project

The Project (30 minutes)

Distribute materials
Students do the project
Circulate the class offering positive encouragement

Clean Up (10 minutes)

- Wash paint brushes
- Throw away palettes
- Wash hands
- Wipe down tables
- Hang art to dry
- Return paint and supplies to appropriate places in office