

ART PROGRAM GRADES 1 & 2

The Visual Arts program at Wingdale Elementary School incorporates the four New York State Standards for the Arts and the six National Standards in Visual Arts. By the conclusion of second grade, students will have had a variety of artistic experiences in the following areas:

- Drawing
- Painting
- Sculpture
- Clay
- Basic color theory
- Basic principals of design
- Use and care of Art materials
- Famous artists and their work
- Cultural Art forms from around the world
- Art in popular culture/everyday life
- Art in America
- Art tools, techniques and processes

VISUAL ARTS STANDARDS

These standards provide a framework for helping students learn the characteristics of the visual arts by using a wide range of subject matter, symbols, meaningful images and visual expressions, to reflect their ideas, feelings and emotions; and to evaluate the merits of their efforts. The standards address these objectives in ways that promote acquisition of and fluency in new ways of thinking, working, communicating, reasoning, and investigating. They emphasize student acquisition of the most important and enduring ideas, concepts, issues, and knowledge offered by the visual arts. They develop new techniques, approaches, and habits for applying knowledge and skills in the visual arts to the world beyond school.



INTEGRATION OF ART WITH OTHER SUBJECTS

The National and New York State Standards are structured to recognize that many elements from this broad array can be used to accomplish specific educational objectives. For example, drawing can be used as the basis for creative activities in Math, Social Studies, Reading, Language Arts and Science, as can any other field within the Visual Arts. The Standards present educational goals. It is the responsibility of the art teacher to choose appropriately from this rich array of content and processes to fulfill these goals in specific circumstances and to develop the curriculum.

All instruction and projects are geared toward success. Over the course of the year and from grade to grade lessons are designed for sequential and cumulative learning. So each lesson and project provides the student with an ever growing foundation of knowledge,

STUDENT EXHIBITIONS

An exhibition of student work is an important component of the learning process in Art education. It gives the students opportunity to see and discuss each others work in a supportive environment. Student work can be seen throughout the school year displayed in the hallways and show cases. Some of this work is selected and saved for the Festival of Excellence held at the High School each Spring. In addition to these exhibits, student work is also displayed on the State level at the New York Art Teachers Associations Annual Conference along with other student work from around the state. Other display venues are considered as they present themselves on an ongoing basis.

Students as well as Parents, Teachers, Staff and community members love to see the work of our students. Young imaginative minds and hands enhance our building.