



## *Welcome Back to Art, Cassell Eagles!*

Hello again! As we prepare to begin the '23-'24 school year, I'd like to give some brief information about my class and what to expect in Art . I'm hoping all students will have the typical Art supplies that were included on their classroom supplies list. I will require the kids to bring those supplies with them to Art. This year, I will let the Kindergarten ~ 2nd grade students store their sketchbooks/pencils in my classroom to help with transporting the supplies. Obviously the supplies like construction paper, tempera paint, chalk, etc. will always be provided. Please check with your child periodically to see if anything needs to be replenished, since the supplies will be used in Art and in the regular classroom.

All students will need the following:

- ~ Scissors (age appropriate)
- ~ Glue Stick
- ~ Elmer's Glue
- ~ Watercolor Paints
- ~ Box/pouch for supplies
- ~ Crayons
- ~ Markers
- ~ Colored Pencils (5-8th)
- ~ Pencils
- ~ Art Sketchbook (no larger than 9x12, please)

Finally, as far as course content is concerned, I will spend the first quarter teaching lessons that focus on the Elements of Art, as well as touching on some art history and study of specific artists. A copy of my grading rubric is below, and I do adhere to it. Almost all students receive an A or B in Art, depending on their understanding of the concept, neatness, creativity, etc. I do not believe in giving everyone an A just because it's an enrichment class, since this will slowly impact the quality of work the kids are capable of creating.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Lynch

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A handwritten rubric table for art. The table has five columns, each with a smiley face icon at the top. The rows are labeled on the left with categories: Work Habits, Followed Directions, Creativity, Neatness, and Use of Elements and Concepts. The columns correspond to the smiley faces: a wide smile, a neutral smile, a neutral face, and a sad face. A pencil is visible on the right side of the table.

Art RUBRIC	😊	🙂	😐	😞
Work Habits	Quiet & Clean	Some Talking	Chatty & Messy	Loud & Sloppy
Followed Directions	All of Them	Most Directions	Almost	Nope
Creativity	Wow! So Unique	Original Ideas	I borrowed ideas	I copied it all
Neatness	Perfect	Mostly Neat	Almost Neat	Messy
Use of Elements and Concepts	I got it!	Mostly	More Practice Needed	I am confused