Curriculum Guide For

Visual Arts

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The Purpose of Visual Arts in St. John's Lutheran School Curriculum

At St. John's Lutheran School we value the study of the visual arts as an important tool in implementing our vision and philosophy statements. The visual arts are one of humanities deepest rivers of continuity. They connect each new generation to those which have gone before. We believe that students need to study the visual arts to enable them to make these connections and to express the otherwise inexpressible. We also see the visual arts as an important tool in which we can glorify God our Father (through the works we create, and by using the God-given talents that we are commanded to use).

We at St. John's believe that a visual arts education benefits the student because it cultivates the whole person, gradually building many kinds of literacy while developing intuition, reasoning, imagination, and dexterity into unique forms of expression and communication. If art education is to serve its proper function, each student must develop an understanding of such questions as these:

- What are the visual arts?
- How do artists work, and what tools do they use?
- How do traditional, popular, and folk art forms influence one another?
- Why are the visual arts important to me and my society?
- What are some of the ideas and themes common to art and other disciplines?

As our students seek the answers to these questions, they develop an understanding of the essence of each visual arts discipline, and of the knowledge and skills that enliven them.

Overview of Arts Projects By Grade Level

This is a list by grade level of the projects that our students create in order to learn more about the visual arts and to make sure our students are meeting the standards that we have set for visual arts here at St. John's. (Also included is a list of resources that we use to accomplish these tasks)

Kindergarten Projects:

- 1. Initial Designs
- 2. Line Booklet
- 3. Shoe Fly
- 4. Art History Video (Dropping in on Henri Matisse)
- 5. Mixing Paints (Primary/Secondary)
- 6. Water Color

(Thanksgiving Place Mats)

- 7. Warm/Cool Color Project
- 8. Black and White Design
- 9. Hungry Caterpillar

Illustration

- 10. Sponge Paint Snowman Scene
- 11. Drawn Self Portrait (before/after lesson)
- 12. Sponge Paint Hearts
- 13. Pinch Pots
- 14. Art History Video (Dropping in on Picasso)
- 15. Monet's Pond
- 16. Purple Crocus Story
- 17. Bouquet of Flowers
- 18. Scissors, Shapes, and Glue
- 19. Tissue Paper Art

First Grade Projects:

- 1. Game (Loosening Up with Lines)
- 2. Name Explosion
- 3. Texture Rubbings
- 4. On the Street Where I Live (texture rubbings)
- 5. Torn Hat Project (self portrait)
- 6. Thanksgiving Place Mats
- 7. Texture Turkeys
- 8. Glowing Christmas Tree (Chalk Pastels)
- 9. Beast of the Sea
- 10. Art History Video (Da Vinci)
- 11. Mona Lisa replica
- 12. A Ballerina (Oil Pastels)
- 13. Overlapped Numbers
- 14. Spring Time Sun Catcher

2nd Grade Projects:

- 1. Name Rock Strata
- 2. Radiating Flowers
- 3. Out Fold design
- 4. Self Portrait with a Pet
- 5. Valuable Snowmen
- 6. Snowflake Designs
- 7. Spring Time Kites
- 8. Snake Pointillism

4th Grade Projects:

- 1. Name Creature
- 2. Leafy Overlaps
- 3. Hand Bones
- 4. Art History Video (Jasper Johns)
- 5. Jasper Johns Numbers
- 6. Matisse's Fish Bowl
- 7. Value Vases
- 8. Tissue Paper Flowers

6th Grade Projects:

- 1. Pizza Pie Name
- 2. American Gothic
- 3. Four Part Design
- 4. Contour Line Drawing
- 5. Value Circle Art
- 6. Clay Faces
- 7. Water Color Techniques
- 8. Enlarged Water Color Flowers
- 9. Art History Video (Michelangelo)

3rd Grade Projects:

- 1. Self Portrait (Andy Warhol Syle)
- 2. Paper Still Life
- 3. 3D Words
- 4. Winter Birds (oil pastels)
- 5. Art History Video (Faith Ringgold)
- 6. Crazy Quilt
- 7. Water Color Spring Flowers

5th Grade Projects:

- 1. Silhouette (Self Portrait)
- 2. Turkey Masquerade
- 3. My Floor (Perspective)
- 4. Paper Quilts
- 5. Grid Picture
- 6. Art History Video (Picasso)
- 7. Picasso
- 8. Initial Designs
- 9. Art History Video (Faith Ringgold)

7th Grade Projects:

- 1. Stacked Initial Letters
- 2. Half Face Drawing
- 3. Self Portrait Warm/Cool Colors
- 4. Water Color Value Vases
- 5. Crosshatching Designs
- 6. Cubism Picasso Style
- 7. Mona Lisa Watercolor Pencil Drawing
- 8. Art History Study of Famous Artists:
- Warhol Degas -Seurat O'Keeffe
- Cezanne Van Gogh Matisse Renior
- Gauguin -Cassatt -Picasso

8th Grade Projects:

- 1. Coat of Arms
- 2. Self Portraits (paper mosaic)
- 3. Realistic 3D Shoe Drawing
- 4 Animal Pointillism

- 5. Boxes in Space
- 6. Slipping and Sliding
- 7. Optical Illusions Spiral Eye Teaser

Art Curriculum Resources:

- ➤ The No Nonsense Guide to Teaching Art by Sara Beggs
- ➤ Masterpiece of the Month by Jennifer Thomas
- ➤ Adventures with Art by Sarah Jenkins & Margaret Foote
- > Art For All Seasons by Jo Ellen Moore
- ➤ How to Teach Art to Children by Joy Evans & Jo Ellen Moore
- Busy Teacher's Guide Art Lessons by Michelle M. McAuliffe & Marsha W. Black
- ➤ Art Projects For Any Day by Mary Pat Klingsten
- ➤ Hooked on Art by Jenean Romberg
- Art Projects Plus by R. Howard Blunt, Jr & Martha Venning Webb
- > Exploring Art Masterpieces With Young Learners by Rhonda Graff Silver
- Art Works for Kids Series (Recyclables, Nature, Painting, Weaving, & Clay) by Lori Van Kirk Schue
- Artists' Workshop (Landscapes, Animals, Portraits, Stories,
- ➤ Arts & Activities Art Education Magazine
- ➤ Art Ideas for the Elementary Classroom by Del Klaustermeir
- > Teaching Art the Easy Way by Marcy Uphoff Effinger
- ➤ Hooked On Painting by Sandy Brooke
- Focus on Artists by Teacher Created Materials
- ➤ Lets Meet Famous Artists by Harriet Kinghorn, Jacqueline Badman, Lisa Lewis-Spicer
- ➤ The Usborne Book of Art Ideas by Fiona Watt
- Art Infusion K-5 Art Activities to Enrich by Susie Kropa
- Primary Art by Dianne Stervett
- ➤ Art History Videos:
 - An American Original "Degas"
 - Self Portraits DVD by Peggy Flores
 - Tissue Paper Creations DVD by Peggy Flores
 - Who is the Artist Van Gogh/ Seurat /Cezanne
 - Getting to Know the Worlds Greatest Artist-Van Gogh
 - Who is the Artist? Degas/Renoir/Cassatt
 - An American Original "Goya"
 - Who is the Artist? Chagal IIKlee/Magritte
 - An American original Cassatt
 - An American original "Homer"
 - Getting to Know the Worlds Greatest Artist Monet
 - An American original "Rembrandt"
 - Dropping in on Picasso DVD
 - Dropping in on Mattisse DVD
 - I Can Fly Series DVD by Linda Freeman

St. Johns Visual Arts Curriculum Standards

(Adapted from the Colorado Model Content Standards)

- 1. Students recognize and use the visual arts as a form of communication.
- 2. Students know and apply elements of art, principles of design, and sensory and expressive features of visual arts.
- 3. Students know and apply visual arts materials, tools, techniques, and processes.
- 4. Students relate the visual arts to various historical and cultural traditions.
- 5. Students analyze and evaluate the characteristics, merits, and meaning of works of art.
- 6. Students will see the visual arts as a tool in which we can glorify God.

Visual Arts Curriculum Framework (Grades K – 4)

Standard 1: Students recognize and use the visual arts as a form of communication

Kindergarten	First Grade	Second Grade	Third Grade	Fourth Grade
- Recognize grade-level appropriate vocabulary - Create drawings, paintings, collages, and sculptures that communicate what he/she understands about a theme, and an idea or area of study - Identify the subject of a famous work of art - Observe and describe how illustrators communicate through their artwork. Create images that illustrate his/her own story	- Observe and describe how illustrators communicate through their artwork - Create images that illustrate his/her own story or message - Recognize and discuss various solutions to a single art problem	- Use grade level appropriate art vocabulary - Incorporate unanticipated results into works of art - Develop ideas for works of art in draft form	- Create and discuss a work of art based upon an interpretation of a sensory experience - State the rationale for the choices or options selected in resolving an artistic problem - Create and discuss art to communicate real and imaginary sources - Recognize and appreciate that artists apply innovative solutions to solve visual problems - Recognize and discuss that there are various solutions to a single art problem	Design and create a work of art based upon an interpretation of a sensory experience Use brainstorming as a means to generate ideas for works of art Use various art techniques and media to communicate ideas and feelings Create art to communicate real and imaginary sources or ideas

Standard 2: Students know and apply elements of art, principles of design, and sensory and expressive features of visual arts.

* As students in grades K-4 extend their knowledge, they will

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Kindergarten	First Grade	Second Grade	Third Grade	Fourth Grade
- Recognize and apply the Elements of Art (e.g., line, texture, color, shape, form, space, value in his/her artwork) - Recognize and apply the principles of design (e.g., pattern, balance, contrast, proportion in his/her artwork)	- Recognize and apply the Elements of Art (e.g., lines, shapes, texture, space, color, and value) - Recognize and apply the Principles of Design (e.g., contrast, rhythm, repetition, pattern—simple and complex, size relationships, balance {symmetry})	- Recognize and apply the Elements of Art (e.g., line, shape, form, texture, space, color, and value) - Recognize and apply the Principles of Design (e.g., rhythm, repetition, pattern, proportion, size relationships, balance)	- Recognize and apply the Elements of Art (e.g., line, shape, form, texture, space, color, and value) - Recognize and apply the Principles of Design (e.g., rhythm, repetition, pattern, proportion, size relationships, balance)	- Recognize and apply the Elements of Art (e.g., line, shape, form, texture, space, color, and value) - Recognize and apply the Principles of Design (e.g., rhythm, repetition, pattern, proportion, size relationships, balance, emphasis)
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Standard 3: Students know and apply visual arts materials, tools, techniques, and processes

Kindergarten	First Grade	Second Grade	Third Grade	Fourth Grade
- Manipulate the elements	- Draw using a variety of	- Draw using a variety of	- Identify and discuss	- Draw using a variety of
of art including lines and	materials, tools,	materials, tools,	different artist's techniques	materials, tools,
shapes with a variety of	techniques, technologies,	techniques, technologies,	- Draw using a variety of	techniques, and
materials and tools in	and processes (pencils,	and processes (pastel)	materials, tools,	technologies and
artwork	markers)	- Recognize and produce	techniques, and	processes
- Use art tools, materials,	- Create paintings with a	works representative of	technologies and	- Create painting with a
and processes with care	variety of materials, tools,	(contour line)	processes (pastel)	variety of materials, tools,
and safety to create	techniques, technologies,	- Plan and create a two-	- Recognize and produce	technologies, and

drawings, paintings, prints, sculptures, and pottery - Describe the tools, materials, and processes he/she used to draw, paint, print, sculpt, and shape clay	and processes on a variety of surfaces (watercolor) - Select and use a variety of materials, tools, techniques, technologies, and processes to communicate ideas, experiences, and stories	dimensional artwork using overlapping to create the illusion of depth - Demonstrate appropriate and safe use of art materials and techniques - Experiment with a variety of printing materials, tools, techniques, technologies, and processes (glue, line, brush, print)	works representative of figure drawing - Create painting with a variety of materials, tools, technologies, and processes on a variety of surfaces (watercolor)	processes on a variety of surfaces - Identify and experiment with a variety of materials, tools, techniques, and processes - Follow directions for the safe use of tools, materials, and procedures
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Standard 4: Students relate the visual arts to various historical and cultural traditions.

Kindergarten	First Grade	Second Grade	Third Grade	Fourth Grade
- Recognize and identify the work of past and present artists (e.g., famous artists, illustrators of children's books, local artists) - Discuss familiar art objects from personal experience	Identify and talk about art in their community and everyday life Recognize that all cultures create works of art Create a work of art that is in a like style of another culture or historical era	Talk about artists and art styles from various cultures Become familiar with names of artists and their work Create artwork based on historical and cultural ideas	- Describe and compare artworks with a similar theme from different time periods - Become familiar with names of artists and examples of their work and style - Make observations about the lives and times of artists by looking at their work - Identify and discuss	- Compare and contrast artwork of different times and places - Use historical and cultural themes as a basis for creating art

	t	themes in art such as	
	l r	portraits, landscapes and	
		still life's	
	-	- Create a work of art	
	l k	based on historical and	
		cultural ideals using a	
	\	variety of media	

Standard 5: Students analyze and evaluate the characteristics, merits, and meaning of works of art.

Kindergarten	First Grade	Second Grade	Third Grade	Fourth Grade
- Discuss artwork and identify the subject matter - Look carefully and describe what he/she observes in works of art, including his/her own	- Identify elements including lines, shapes, and colors found in a work of art - Identify and discuss the subject matter in a work of art - Describe likes or dislikes about a work of art and explain why - Share personal opinions about what art is and what purpose art serves	- Demonstrate how artists use art to share experiences - Describe the Elements of Art including the lines, shapes, and colors that they find in a work of art - Describe the mood or feeling in a work of art	- Recognize the Elements and Principles of Design in a work of art - Distinguish between realistic or non-realistic art - Use selected criteria as the basis of making judgments about works of art including self critique - Develop and describe personal reasons for valuing works	- Design and create a work of art based upon an interpretation of a sensory experience - Use brainstorming as a mean to generate ideas for work of art - Use various art techniques and media to communicate ideas and feelings - Create art to communicate real and imaginary sources or ideas

Standard 6: Students will see the visual arts as a tool, or way, in which we can glorify God.

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Kindergarten	First Grade	Second Grade	Third Grade	Fourth Grade
- Each child can express				
their creative abilities to				
praise God				
- Their art is also an				
expression of God's				
beauty in His creation that				
has its source in				
experiences of many kinds				
(e.g., home, church,				
community, school)				

Visual Arts Curriculum Framework

(Grades 5 - 8)

Standard 1: Students recognize and use the visual arts as a form of communication

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Fifth Grade	Sixth Grade	Seventh Grade	Eighth Grade		
Critique meaning expression in works of art Identify and discuss how and why visual images and themes communicate concepts and emotions	- Compare and contrast the communication of visual images and themes - Identify and discuss the creative components in works of art - Identify how the belief system of a viewer may influence the interpretation of works of art - State the rationale for the choice or options selected in creating an artwork	- Select, organize, and employ visual images, themes, and ideas in creating own works of art to express an intended meaning - Predict the intended meaning of artworks through generating questions and analyzing interpretations - Develop ideas for works of art by conducting research on well known artist	- Examine and critique the use of creativity in their own and other's art works - Critique the use of meaning, images, theme, and expression in creating an intended meaning - Understand and complete art-related application forms		

Standard 2: Students know and apply elements of art, principles of design, and sensory and expressive features of visual arts.

Fifth Grade	Sixth Grade	Seventh Grade	Eighth Grade
- Recognize and apply the	- Recognize and apply the	- Recognize and apply the	- Recognize and apply the
elements of art and the expressive	elements of art to create their own	elements of art to create their own	elements of art to create their own

qualities of: Line—Relationship:	art:	art:	art:
intersect, perpendicular, parallel,	Line—directions, angularity	Line—Type: mechanical	Line—Type: lyrical
variety	Form—volume, mass, functional,	Concept: implied, leading	Concept: expressive
Shape—silhouette	non-functional	Shape—Type: ellipse	Shape—Type: biomorphic
Color—Scheme: intermediate	Texture—raised, lowered, matte,	Concept: symbolic, dynamic	Concept: abstract, expressive
Concept: tints and shades	glossy	Form—actual	Form: free
Value: value scale	Color—Concept: tone	Color—advance, recede	Color: symbolic, realistic
- Analyze and critique the use of	Value—highlights, shadows	Value—gradation, high/low key	Value: reflected
elements of art and principles of	- Recognize and apply the	- Recognize and apply the	- Recognize and apply the
design:	principles of design to create their	principles of design to create their	principles of design to create their
Concept—Style: creative features	own art:	own art:	own art:
- Explore and experiment with the	Contrast—variation of elements	Movement: illusion of action	Rhythm: flowing
characteristics of abstraction	Rhythm—progressive	Proportion: self portrait	Movement: center of interest
		Emphasis: rule of thirds,	Repetition: kinetic
		placement	Proportion: self portrait
		- Analyze and critique the use of	Balance: formal, informal
		elements of art and principles of	Unity: continuity
		design	
		Concept: period, design	

Standard 3: Students know and apply visual arts materials, tools, techniques, and processes

Fifth Grade	Sixth Grade	Seventh Grade	Eighth Grade
- Draw using a variety of materials, tools, techniques, technologies and processes - Experiment with a variety of printing materials, tools, techniques, technologies and processes	- Identify materials, tools, techniques, technologies and processes use din an artwork - Demonstrate the appropriate application of materials, tools, techniques, technologies, and processes	- Select and use materials that will enhance communication of an intended meaning in an artwork - Demonstrate safe usage with a variety of materials, tools, techniques, technologies, and processes	 Demonstrate skills with a variety of materials, tools, techniques, technologies, and processes in creating artwork Demonstrate correct procedure in a variety of processes as applied to creating their own

- Select materials, tools,	- Recognize levels of artwork
techniques, technologies, ar	d craftsmanship through visual - Identify health risks associated
processes to enhance their	wn comparison with particular art materials
artwork	- Describe how materials, tools, - Analyze and evaluate the
	techniques, technologies, and selection and use materials, tools,
	processes result in different techniques, technologies, and
	interpretations processes

Standard 4: Students relate the visual arts to various historical and cultural traditions.

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Fifth Grade	Sixth Grade	Seventh Grade	Eighth Grade
- Recognize that visual arts have a historical and specific relationship to various cultures - Identify various art forms (e.g., architecture, folk arts and crafts) from historical periods in a chronological framework	- Describe and place a variety of art objects in their historical and cultural context - Create art inspired by cultural context - Create art that is autobiographical in nature - Identify unique features of particular art styles and movements	 Create art bases on personal interpretation of historical and cultural context Create art that is unique to a cultural and historical event Demonstrate how the history and culture of diverse people influence the creation, meaning, and style of works of art 	- Examine and discuss artwork created as a social comment - Identify major artworks by diverse groups of people - Understand the connections between art and social context

Standard 5: Students analyze and evaluate the characteristics, merits, and meaning of works of art.

* As students in grades 5-8 extend their knowledge, they will

Fifth Grade	Sixth Grade	Seventh Grade	Eighth Grade
- Evaluate various pieces of art in terms of personal aesthetic preferences	Identify and discuss reasons for creating works of art Use methods of critical analysis and aesthetic inquiry to critique works of art	Formulate responses to works of art from personal and critical points of view Compare and contrast their own artistic solution with the artistic solutions of others	 Participate in a debate regarding the purposes, values, and meaning in works of art Evaluate and analyze various works of art in terms of style, concept, and elements and principles of design

Standard 6: Students will see the visual arts as a tool, or way, in which we can glorify God.

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Fifth Grade	Sixth Grade	Seventh Grade	Eighth Grade
- Each child can express their	- Each child can express their	- Each child can express their	- Each child can express their
creative abilities to praise God	creative abilities to praise God	creative abilities to praise God	creative abilities to praise God
- Their art is also an expression of	- Their art is also an expression of	- Their art is also an expression of	- Their art is also an expression of
God's beauty in His creation that	God's beauty in His creation that	God's beauty in His creation that	God's beauty in His creation that
has its source in experiences of	has its source in experiences of	has its source in experiences of	has its source in experiences of
many kinds (e.g., home, church,	many kinds (e.g., home, church,	many kinds (e.g., home, church,	many kinds (e.g., home, church,
community, school)	community, school)	community, school)	community, school)