

ART PARENT INFO MEETING September 14, 2007

Intro—Thank you for helping with the Art Parent Program. It should prove to be a rewarding and fun experience for you. It's also a great way to get involved in your children's classroom.

Description—Art Parents provide about a 45-minute art history/project lesson in class, 1x month, usually during Teacher Planning Meetings. If you share the role w/other Art Parents or Music Parents, you'll probably rotate months as you see fit—plan w/room rep and/or teacher. The lesson can include reading a book about the artist or art style, discussing different art styles/genres, incorporating relative geographical info/facts, and a short art project related to your artist. You don't have to focus only on familiar painters—projects can also center on other fields of art such as, photography, illustrators (children's books), sculpture, architecture, entire styles/genres (Impressionism), cultural art and others.

How To:

1. Where to get ideas—

NOTE: Art Parent Room has moved to the 700 Hall (Science, Target, just before far end Kindergarten hall) in the PTA room, just past boys bathroom. We have 4 shelves in the back left of the room. Space is tight and some materials are in boxes stacked—PLEASE DO YOUR BEST TO PUT THINGS BACK. Due to the tight quarters, the supplies must be maintained so we all can benefit from using them.

- Binders—lots of past projects/ideas
- Art Parent Books/Background info—check out form in Art Parent Binder
- Two great books—“Let's Meet Famous Artists” and “Discovering Great Artists”
- New children's book: “Annie and the Impressionists”
- Internet:
 - www.princetonol.com/groups/iad/lessons/elem/elem34.html
 - www.hometown.aol.com/powers8696/artindex.html
 - www.dhc.net/~artgeek/
 - www.kinderart.com
 - webpages.marshall.edu
 - www.ibiblio.org/wm/ (webmuseum)
 - www.geocities.com/theartkids/artlessons.html
 - www.kidsart.com
 - www.crayola.com
 - Google-search on elementary art education and you'll find tons!
- Large Folders—examples, prints, bios, oversized items
- Past Examples—on shelves, in binders; art samples in boxes
- Red Envelopes—major artists, bios, copies of books
- Transparencies—binder
- Green Box of prints—on floor; check out index cards
- Large Library Prints—in library room where staff sits. **MUST CHECK OUT** through the library. Use child's name not teacher's!

2. Ask teacher what supplies she has/let her know about your project beforehand-don't spend needless \$\$.
3. Try to coordinate w/class subject matter in older grades (i.e. Native Americans/Kachina dolls project in 2nd g.)
4. Start with book/bio/history of subject. Show/pass out prints
5. Incorporate geographical/historical info if relative—bring a map or globe
6. Be creative using a variety of materials—things from around the house
7. Could weave in a short game (word/guessing game?)
8. Describe project, show example (try to make one beforehand—kids need examples)
9. Pre-cut items for young kids; remember 5-7 yr-olds have a WIDE range of skill levels. Keep it simple.
10. Allow about 20-30 minutes for art project
11. Bring a camera, not disposable—we need pictures for the yearbook and the committee report
12. Display work on walls if possible—inside or outside classroom

13. Fill out checkout form for materials with phone number—important!
14. If taking out large library prints, PLEASE fill out NAME/DATE/CLASS on form---others may need the print at the same time as you and they can find your class if need be.
15. Fill out Project Description form and include with example in binders in library
16. Fill in Project List by Class form to help us keep a record of projects by grade
17. IF YOU CAN'T FILL OUT FORM AND LEAVE IT, PLEASE fill out Project Desc. Form that I'll email you and email back to me—I will file!

Please don't feel like you have to reinvent the wheel. Utilize what's already be done before, or tweak it! Please share your projects with others by putting them in the Art Parent binders—or email me your project description/results; I'll file. And take pictures! Leave things for me in the Art Parent folder in the PTA file cabinet in the front office, under the clock.

Thanks and have fun!

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