

Art Newsletter: February 2021

The new year has begun and we are all moving forward. I know this school year has been very different and at times difficult with all the changes taking place. I hope to bring in this new year with renewed energy and enthusiasm to keep students active and engaged in their art making process. Below is some general information for all grades to keep in mind as we move forward.

Google Art Classroom

Always check the google art classroom. This goes for both remote AND in-person students. All artwork is to be handed in through google classroom for BOTH remote AND in person. Make sure to review how to photograph artwork in the resource section under classwork in the google art classrooms.

The art zoom links are at the top of the stream in every google art classroom. Use these links as your main source for attending zoom art classes. There have been problems with other links and the ones within in the google art classrooms are definitely the correct ones.

Attendance and Behavior in Zoom Meetings

Please make sure that students are attending all their classes. If there are any issues or concerns about attendance please email to let me know. Students should also come prepared with artwork and materials when they log into art zoom meeting.

Please speak to your children about appropriate and respectful behavior while in zoom classes. Students need to make sure they respond when they are being spoken to. I understand that there can be technical difficulties but, students can respond by turning on the microphone and answering questions, turning on camera and giving a thumbs up or down and/or writing a response in the chat. It is very difficult for me to work with and help students if I am not getting any responses from them.

Art Materials and Artwork

All **in-person** students have received and zip lock containing a sketchbook, ebony drawing pencil, regular #2 pencil, eraser and color pencils with upper elementary also getting small pencil sharpeners. All of these materials are to stay in the art zip lock for art only. The zip lock should stay in student backpacks and only come out for art class and then be put away again. This will help the students always be prepared with their artwork and materials no matter what changes take place within the schedule.

All **remote** students should have access to white paper, pencils, erasers, color pencils and crayons. It is best if a folder/zip lock is used to keep everything together and organized so, students can always have and can find their art materials and artwork.

All Students work on one drawing over time. It is very rare that students create a one day drawing that they do not continue developing. This is why it is very important that work stays together and organized. The students are constantly adding onto and revising their artwork. When things get miss placed then students have to start from scratch.

Overall, the students are doing great! The Take 5 time to look at artwork has really helped students develop an better understand of how to study and discuss works of art and I love hearing new insights and thoughts on some artworks I've seen a 100 times. Hug your children, support your children, smile and laugh with your children. They are all great kids and we're in this together. Any concerns or questions my email is kwielopolski@schools.nyc.gov and write me anytime.