

Homeschool Arts Classes

Welcome to the new school year. It is my privilege and pleasure to serve the homeschool community. During the school year we will be studying various historic periods in art, along with the techniques associated with these historic trends.

It should be understood that this will be a course of instruction in the techniques of drawing, painting and sculpture. It must also be understood that these techniques are part of the tools of a trade. Historically, students, when of age, entered the studios of tradesmen to learn a trade and begin a career. Art techniques were regarded no differently than the techniques of carpentry, plumbing, clothing design architecture, etc.

Today art instruction is more concerned with self-esteem, inner feelings etc. This will NOT be part of the agenda of these classes. Students will learn techniques and learn how to see, and interpret what they see on paper. An artist cannot draw or paint abstract images unless they can render the subject exactly as it appears. All abstract artists know all the correct drawing and painting techniques and their abstract artwork represents years of prior artistic development.

Please understand; I cannot teach your child to draw or paint or to be an artist. I can teach them the techniques and how to see and understand subject matter. Your children must endeavor to learn these things. It will take work, concentration, discipline and perseverance.

Someone who studies art does not need to be an artist as the final career destination. Art can be found in many mainstream and popular careers; i.e. advertising, marketing architecture, automotive design, video game design, fashion design, interior decorating, the food industry, television, computer programming, magazine and newspaper publications and countless other professions. Art can be a career unto itself or an important part of many other industries.

The instruction will follow the history of art from prehistoric to modern art. It will feature various styles but will be founded on the basic requirements of drawing, painting and sculpture. The course will also have foundations in the NH Art Standards. Students will be taught what the state mandates for education in the arts.

I sincerely hope you join me in this adventure into the arts. It will involve some hard work but it should be interesting and hopefully a rewarding experience.

Here is a basic materials list.

Families with multiple students in the same group can share the paint. Each student should have their own sketchbook, brushes, and pencils and paint box. These supplies should last most of the year.

	<p>9 x 12 sketchbook At least 60 pound paper White spiral bound</p>	<p>This will serve a a journal as students will be expected to create a drawing on their own each week from direct observation of a common household item.</p>
	<p>These pencil sets contain: Lead pencils of different hardness, charcoal pencils, an eraser, a sharpener. Each student should have a set.</p>	<p>To be used in class and at home.</p>
	<p>Students should have five tubes of acrylic paint. Walmart sells large tubes of acrylic paint at a reasonable price.</p>	<p>Only five colors are needed Yellow,Red ,Blue,White Black From these colors all other colors can be made</p>
	<p>Each student should have 6 synthetic brushes(for acrylic)</p>	<p>One each of two different styles, round and flat, three different sizes. 2,4,6 (2,4,6 flat) (2,4,6,round)</p>
<p>Old t-shirt</p>	<p>For painting</p>	<p>Acrylic paints dry fast and are hard to remove from clothing once dry</p>
<p>Paper towels or rags</p>	<p>For painting</p>	<p>Cleaning etc.</p>
<p>Plastic container for water</p>	<p>For painting</p>	<p>cleaning</p>
	<p>For paint storage, (palette)</p>	<p>Any variety is fine, dollar store has them. MUST be sealable to keep paint from drying out,</p>

