

Quick Check Form: Kindergarten Visual Arts Curriculum

Big Ideas to Emphasize in Kindergarten Art

- **Artworks/Pictures tell a story/ convey meaning**
- **Artists learn to use lots of different kinds of materials and tools to make their artwork.**
- **Artists generate lots of ideas before making their work.**

By the end of Kindergarten

Students will know:

- How to identify the art elements of line, shape, texture and color
- The names of the 6 primary/secondary colors
- How to share and talk about their work
- That artists generate many ideas before starting an artwork
- How to create a pattern design in several art mediums

Students will be able to do:

- Paint with brushes
- Cut paper with scissors, paste paper to paper
- Use full arm and small motor movements with a variety of drawing materials
- Fill their paper space when creating a picture
- Create shapes, lines and textures in at least three different art mediums
- Describe what they see in an artwork in their own words.

Adventures in Art Core Lessons for Kindergartners:

Suggested sequence: Unit 2, lesson 1 & 2, Unit 7, all, Unit 3, lesson 1, Unit 9, all, Unit 10, all, Unit 14, all,

Recommended supplemental lessons: Units 1, 12, 15, 18 and 20

Integration Points for Kindergarten Art:

Math

- Line direction: horizontal, vertical, diagonal
- Identify shapes: circle, square, rectangle, triangle
- Pattern creation/ recognition
- Measurement/ space concepts: smaller/ bigger, shorter/ longer, whole/part, half/quarter
- Distinguishing between shape and form

Reading/ Language Arts

- Developing descriptive language
- Illustrating story elements: beginning, middle, end
- Creating pictures to illustrate stories

Science

- **Animals 2 x 2:** Art Unit 15 focuses on drawing and painting animals. Lesson 2, Drawing from Observation, is very similar in content to the 'Guiding the Investigation' for the animals presented in the Foss Kit. Observations and words can be recorded as drawings in a Science Journal.

Social Studies

- Family drawing

Performing Arts:

Patterns through sound, movement
Spatial concepts: Up/down, near/ far, inside/ outside, in front/behind, above/ below, over/under

Health & Fitness

Family Drawings (GBS 'Family Team)
Portraits (GBS My Body is Special)

Art Vocabulary in Kindergarten:

Art Elements: Line, shape (geometric/ organic/ free-form) texture, form, color. Primary/secondary color names, dark colors/ light colors, brushes, crayons, paint, felt pens, scissors, paste, print, painting, sculpture, drawing, pattern.