

Teaching Philosophy
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Art education encourages the ability to value oneself along with others, and to approach the world with a desire to understand, and in return interpret. My desire as an Art teacher is to build on my student's inherent ability for creating art. Learning to examine and identify conceptual ideas expands one's artistic development.

I've developed a constructivist's way of teaching. I feel students learn and connect more as learners as they are more actively involved. I strongly encourage art integration and actively seek out opportunities to use art as a process for learning rather than a product. Art and other academic disciplines go hand in hand. Adding Art into the curriculum can reinforce important topics in a visual way that students can relate to, and understand. Deeper than that, the conceptual techniques that are involved in Art making, and Art viewing transfers to other subjects. This in return provides deeper conceptual thinking across the board of subjects.

In my classroom we explore the concept of a cohesive community. With conceptual exploration guided by an experienced hand, Artist students will interweave the arts with technology, the environment, literature and so much more.

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