



ART DOCENTS OF LOS GATOS

Newsletter for Parents

The Canvas

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K	KINDERGARTEN: Trains and boats will transport your children into the world of art this fall. Art Docents will introduce the basic Elements of Art – color, shape, line, texture, value and form by showing art prints to your kinders.
1st	FIRST GRADERS: By viewing Still Life and Genre paintings, your students will learn about Principles of Design including balance, pattern, contrast and emphasis. Workshop: Students will create their own still life from objects in the classroom.
2nd	SECOND GRADERS: Students learn how artists use Elements of Art and Principles of Design to create images as well as mood and feelings. They are discovering organic lines and how they differ from man-made or geometric shapes.
3rd	THIRD GRADERS: A kaleidoscope of colors is greeting your students as they enter the world of 19 th -21 st Century Art. While exploring Impressionism and Post-Impressionism, they'll learn about the concepts of space, tint, shade and value.
4th	FOURTH GRADERS: California will be front and center as students view landscapes and Native California art. The Art Docent program fits right in with the 4 th grade social studies California history curriculum. Students will also learn about art concepts such as mood, value and positive/negative shapes. Workshop: Students will participate in a three-lesson human figure, figures-in-action, and face-drawing workshop. They'll learn how to draw a proportional human figure and face, and learn about foreshortening.
5th	FIFTH GRADERS: American Art – from the 1700's to the present era – is the focus in the final year of elementary school. Students compare and contrast as they look at some of the great art and cultural icons of the United States and learn how art reflects the time and place in which it was created.
7th	SEVENTH GRADERS: Workshop: Scientific illustration techniques are taught to some of the life science classes with the remaining students receiving the lesson in the spring. Students closely observe insects and draw them to scale with all their parts.

Join the Art Docents of Los Gatos. No art experience required; training is offered in the fall of every year. Membership is as varied and diverse as our community. We invite you to observe one of our monthly in-class presentations or workshops, attend a general meeting and meet your friends and neighbors, or browse our monthly newsletter "The Palette" at www.artdocents.com

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