

Welcome to the ATC! I am so excited to start a new school year teaching art and am looking forward to getting to know all the third-grade students! We have an exciting year ahead of us with fun and challenging projects that will provide students with plenty of opportunities to develop new skills and stretch their creativity with projects that encourage observation, imagination, and exploration. Some concepts and skills we will be working on are: observational drawing skills, analyzing and discussing historic and contemporary artwork, introducing and applying the Principles and Elements of Art, introducing and applying color theory, weaving and painting. Many of the art projects at the ATC include connections to the general classroom curriculum in the areas of math, social studies, science, and language arts.

Although we try hard to keep clean in class, in the midst of great enthusiasm and creativity, accidents with paint, glue, and other materials sometimes happen. As a result, occasionally clothing can get stained. Therefore, I encourage you to know what days your child has art and keep this in mind when selecting clothing for the day. Some children also store a smock in their classroom cubby to wear over clothing during art class. (An old over-sized t-shirt makes a wonderful smock.) Additionally, to help keep students and the classroom clean, any donations of sponges, baby wipes or hand wipes, and tissues are greatly appreciated.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at dwinters@winthrop.k12.ma.us. I am looking forward to a great year at the ATC teaching art to your child!