

A note from the Art Room to Parents of Fifth Grade Students

Fifth grade students will be participating in something new and exciting in art class this school year. Each fifth grader will have their own personal sketchbook that will be used to explore ideas, record images, take notes, and help problem solve.

It has been proven that there is a huge connection between image and text. This is an essential part of what a sketchbook is all about. Imaging is basic and natural to thinking and language processing. Artists such as Monet and Leonardo da Vinci used sketchbooks for taking notes and recording ideas for their artwork. A sketchbook is a place where students can solve visual problems while combining words and images together. It is our intention to make the sketchbook a place where the students can freely express their ideas and write their thoughts about what they are drawing or thinking.

Ways that we will use our sketchbooks in the classroom are:

- To connect math, science, and literacy together as one
- To take notes for later use
- As a means to get ideas going
- To sketch quick expressions of what is seen
- To help bring ideas together
- To help elaborate on our learning
- To help solve visual problems
- To combine words and images



Aristotle said "We cannot think without mental images". We look forward to a new and exciting way to record our learning in art this year. At the end of the school year when the sketchbooks are brought home, you will be able to enjoy what your child has recorded and see the effort they have put into the various assignments that lead up to the art projects we did during the year.

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