

### Teacher's Philosophy

Teaching is a chance for me to make a difference in students' lives. If I can provide insight or a new perspective through the use of art education, I feel that I am providing something that is priceless. A new perspective can direct students to a more creative, passionate, and engaging life. I believe that art is a part of our imagination, and imagination is where everything begins. Everything we see, hear, touch, taste, and smell is in our imagination. Imagination is critical for everyone to exercise at a young age, so they can utilize this skill in adulthood.

Art education contains the knowledge to learn new skills, brainstorm ideas, collaborate with classmates, and discuss criticism in a polite and intelligent manner. There are so many places to be educated in the arts: in the classroom, an art studio creating artwork, in a museum, gallery, a walk in the park, or walking the city streets observing murals. Studio art making allows students to have a hands-on learning experience in the classroom. The ability to construct, mold, assemble, and render material into something others can emotionally experience is a great accomplishment, because it gives students confidence and strength in their own abilities.

Reading textbooks are great tools for students to be introduced to well-known artists, but it is another experience to actually create and observe artwork in person. The artwork becomes more tangible, and relatable when observed in person, because students can better understand the artistic process and analyze the artwork. It is important for students to understand what people in this world are currently creating, and why they are creating artwork. Contemporary artwork can provide students with the understanding of artistic motivation. Artists are motivated to advertise for businesses, entertain audiences, express themselves, and provide insight into cultures around the world. It is also important to teach students contemporary technology by using computer software that is used by professionals. The inspiration students gain from art education brings students together with a unified mindset to inspire by creating thought-provoking artwork. Bringing all of these mindful aspects to a classroom makes for an enriching environment.