

Arts I Class Introduction

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This is primarily a drawing and painting class, with occasional endeavors in other areas of art for seasonal events, such as collage for Halloween and printing for winter greeting, for example. Children learn the basic skills in realistic drawing, including terminologies. In the first part of the class I have children do easy-to-follow drawing exercises with charcoal, which they love, because it is such a flexible medium. The main purpose for doing that is to introduce the objective for the lesson in a fun and practical way. In the rest of the class, we apply it to more advanced exercises. Last semester we mostly concentrated on drawing people and animals, starting from faces to overall bodies. 2 semesters ago we put emphasis on seeing things in volume, drawing mostly from still life, while practicing how to mix and apply paints. We went over perspective during that course. Children have an opportunity to experiment with a wide range of materials as we have in the past used drawing pencils, charcoal, pastel, color pencils, Conte crayons and watercolor paint.

I moved from Japan to the United States about 11 years ago. I went back to college to pursue a career in art a few years ago, and in 2007, I got my bachelors degree in Fine Art from USF. I myself am an active painter and drawer, involved in many exhibitions and events throughout the year. Since I loved to draw when I was a child, I love to see interested kids have the opportunities to experience serious art guidance. The class has had a range of children from 5 years of age through 10 years of age, but we also welcome those who don't fall into that age group. We have enjoyed a great mix of heritage: Chinese, Japanese and Korean. I have had great experiences sharing my passion in art at this school, and am looking forward to seeing the little artists in class again.

The supplies a student needs to prepare for this class are: a sketch book, drawing pencils and an eraser, as well as watercolor paint and color pencils later on. The charcoals will be provided from the instructor.