

# **ART GRADE 1**

First grade art lessons will encourage students to identify and use the elements of line, shape, color, form, and texture. Perceptual skills and a vocabulary for discussing art will be developed through such multisensory experiences as role-playing, physical movement, visual searches, and game-like exercises. Art lessons will reinforce concepts introduced in the self-contained classroom and will assist in preparing students to meet Irving ISD grade level expectations. The development of listening and oral communication skills will provide a major focus for all activities.

First graders will create works of art based upon their imaginations and personal interpretations of their environments. These sources will include nature, man-made objects, familiar places, and activities with family and friends. Students will learn that planning is a part of creating original art works and will acquire basic manipulative skills in using media for drawing, painting, collage, printmaking, ceramics, and sculpture. Proper and safe use of materials and procedures will be emphasized.

Students will view and discuss styles and types of art from a variety of cultures and time periods. An awareness of human commonalities, as reflected through works of art, will be encouraged. Museums and other places to see art in the community will be introduced. Students will explore the arts in everyday life through references to architecture, clothing, and environmental arts. Slides, videos, and CD-ROMS will be used to introduce students to artists at work in studios and businesses.

Looking at and talking about art will be an integral and enjoyable part of studying art. Through this process, students will develop perceptual skills and will learn to describe subject matter, visual elements, and mood in their own art and the artwork of adults and other students. Class discussion will encourage students to form and express opinions about art and to respect and respond thoughtfully to the opinions of others.