

## ART GRADE 2

Second grade art lessons will engage students in creating artwork which stimulates environmental awareness-changes in the weather, animals, insects and their habitats, and the community by day and night. Discussing works of art which reflect similar themes will encourage the students' continuing development of listening and communication skills. Perceptual skills emphasizing imagination, sensory awareness, and visual recall will be developed. An increasing vocabulary and observation and discussion relating to the **meaning** of works of art will be a major focus of art activities.

Students continue to create art based on imagination and personal interpretations of a variety of themes relating to their environment, activities, and events. They will learn to make intentional choices regarding the use of lines, colors, and other visual elements. Familiar media will be used in new ways to create two and three dimensional works of art.

Cultural origin and the function of art will be emphasized as students continue to learn about styles and types of art. Lessons on architecture, product design, and other functional art forms focus attention on art in every day life.

Students will learn that looking at art is a pleasant and thoughtful process. Perceptual skills will incorporate comparing and contrasting visual elements and subject matter in works of art. Students will learn to form opinions about art based upon features and qualities.

Art lessons will support concepts introduced in the self-contained classroom and will assist students in meeting District grade level expectations. Classroom teachers will be encouraged to select passages for reading from *Adventures in Art, Grade 2* and to use major works of art as a meaning of exploring themes and stimulating discussion.