

# The 5th Grade Art Retrospective

## What is it?

The 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Art Retrospective is an annual exhibit of artwork created by 5th grade students. This exhibit is an opportunity for students to reflect on and share the artwork they have created in 5<sup>th</sup> grade and in previous years. Every 5<sup>th</sup> grade student will exhibit artwork in the Art Retrospective. Each 5<sup>th</sup> grade student has a portfolio of artwork completed this year, which is being kept in the art room to include in this exhibit. I am also inviting students to bring in artwork that they made in school during previous years to include in their display.

In the weeks before the exhibit, students will be reviewing their artwork during Art class as part of the preparation process. They will decide which pieces to include in the exhibit, how to arrange and display their work and they will also write a reflective piece about their individual collection. This process gives students an opportunity to share and celebrate their artwork with members of the school community.

## When is it?

The exhibit will be on display in the halls of Willard School from Tuesday, June 1<sup>st</sup> to Friday June 11<sup>th</sup>. An Art Retrospective Open House for families will be held on Wednesday, June 9<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. at Willard. The school orchestra, band and chorus concert will begin at 7:00 pm on the same evening as part of our Arts Night event. **Save the date of Wednesday, June 9<sup>th</sup> for Arts Night at Willard School!**

## What artwork should students bring to school?

Students may bring in no more than 4 flat pieces and no more than 2 sculpture pieces completed in a school setting during their Kindergarten through 5th grade years. For sculptures that are too large or fragile to

bring in, a photo of the work may be substituted. Space to store and display artwork is very limited, so please do not include extra artwork in your child's portfolio and do not include artwork created outside of school. **No framed artwork, please!**

## **When is the artwork due?**

**Please bring all artwork to the Art Room  
by Friday, May 21st.**

Please put your child's full name and classroom teacher's name on the outside of the bag. Also, each piece of artwork should have your child's name written on the back. In class, we will be gluing all flat art to a paper backing. If this is a problem for a piece of artwork, please choose a different piece to include.

## **What if we can't find any saved art?**

All students will be selecting work from art lessons done this year as the main part of their exhibit. Students are invited to bring in work from previous years to include, but it is not required. Each 5th grade student currently has a folder containing artwork made this year, which is being kept in the Art Room to be included in the exhibit. Each student's exhibit will be unique and include work from various grade levels or only from 5th grade.

Thank you for your support. Please contact me if you have any questions. My email address is: [ksaunders@colonial.net](mailto:ksaunders@colonial.net). I look forward to seeing you at Arts Night!

Sincerely,

Kristin Saunders  
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