

## **Art Masterpiece 2019-2020**

***All what you need is a desire to help children and Have fun!***

Art Masterpiece is a great in class volunteer opportunity! Please let your Room Parent know if you are interested in helping. All the materials are provided for you and once all volunteers are in place we will work with the teachers to establish a schedule. More information about this great program is below.

### **What is Art Masterpiece?**

Art Masterpiece is an enrichment program where volunteers use reproductions of fine works of art to promote art literacy in children. Art is an integral part of life and the Art Masterpiece Program is a chance to stimulate the students' thought, perception and imagination. In the end, students attain a greater awareness of the world around them. Volunteers called "Art Guides" bring prints to the classroom and present a lesson and art activity planned for a particular grade level.

### **Is art education really important?**

Yes! Here are some of the ways art benefits and enriches our students' lives:

- Art teaches self-discipline and enhances motor skills
- Art promotes cognitive & creative thinking
- Art teaches problem-solving skills
- Art strengthens self-esteem and self-confidence
- Art provides a means of self-expression and promotes appreciation for the individuality of others
- Art improves overall academic performance

### **I would like to be a guide ... but I don't know much about art. Is that a problem?**

Art Guides do not have to be former art majors, teachers, or even well-versed in art. Qualities such as reliability and enthusiasm are more important in our Art Guides than artistic ability. Art Masterpiece is one of

the few volunteer programs where you can teach in your child's classroom. Because of this, Art Guides need a sense of commitment and must be willing to devote a small portion of their time each month. In return, they receive gratification for bringing Art Education to appreciative and interested students.

### **What are the lessons like?**

Art Masterpiece lessons and supplies are provided for volunteers and taught on a monthly basis, with a total of five lessons per year. They last an hour, with most of that hour dedicated to a hands-on art activity related directly to the artist or art style studied that month. The purpose of our program is to increase awareness and appreciation of art. This is done by introducing various elements of art and principles of design in fun ways the children can easily grasp.

To read more about Grayhawk Art Masterpiece program please visit:

<http://www.grayhawkpto.com/art-masterpiece.html>