

Mrs. Dulcey's Art Room

Meet the teacher



I am excited to start my 23rd year as art teacher here at St. Peter's school. I have a BA from Temple University in Philadelphia. During that time, I also spent one semester in Rome, Italy studying art history up front and personal. I also attended several art classes at the Tyler School of Art.

My particular interest is in Straw Art. I have been working with straw for over 30 years and also sometimes paint and quilt, but straw is my medium. I have traveled throughout the US and Europe. I have taken workshops in England and Serbia and taught in Poland in the summer of 2016 at an International Straw Festival. My work has been in the White House and I have won awards in two International Straw Mask competitions.

My husband and I have been married for 41 years and have two grown daughters and 5 grandchildren, ages from 4 to 12 years old. Luckily, we get to visit with them often.

What happens in the art room?

I never seem to run out of ideas for projects to engage my students to develop their art skills. As I see the children from Kindergarten to 8th grade once a week, I teach many different types of art forms. I love that I can watch the progress of my students over many years. I try to build on their skills and introduce increasing levels of art techniques each year. Because children have varied interests when it comes to art, I try to cover many aspects so that the children love to come to art and learn to appreciate art works, even if they don't think they are good at it. We do some group projects, but mostly the children work on their own.

As I am one of the teachers for the middle school "electives" as an extra class for 6-8 grades, I do some different kinds of projects with these students. I will be working with these

students to come up with a plan to teach them new and different skills. The last few years we have concentrated on making puppets and producing shows. I will probably still do this with the 6th grade elective students, but I plan to work on skills such as sewing, quilting and crocheting as several of my students were showing an interest in learning these skills for both 7th and 8th grade electives.

Each year we have some tried and true projects that students love, however there are always new ones on the horizon. I look out for something different and it's exciting that new art supplies are showing up to make the learning new. We also have some cross-curriculum activities to enhance their learning.



A favorite fourth grade project is to read a biography and make a hand puppet to go with the person whose biography they read. They then present their book report to the class using their puppet.



In May, we have a multicultural day, featuring a market with artwork from different cultures, some international entertainment as well as food for the students to try from many countries. Come back to see some beautiful artwork throughout the year.

Winter 2020 Update:

The Fall was a full of exciting projects and ideas. The new addition to the curriculum was in the middle school elective in art, learning to sew was added. There are 6 sixth graders learning how to read patterns and work on sewing machines as well as 9 seventh graders. It has been a challenge but they are learning.

Kindergarten has been practicing all their skills of coloring, cutting and gluing in most of the

projects this year. They will be getting into some painting the second half of the year as well. Their favorite though is “free art” which they can do when finished with a project or sometimes we just do it for fun. I have a jar of bottle caps and lids which Kindergarten through second grade especially loves. It’s amazing what ideas they come up with.

First grade has celebrated the winter months with snowmen. We made a snowman ornament for Christmas and this week they made a snowman collage to decorate our halls with wishes for snow days! They will learn about Chinese New Year next week with a dragon puppet and then make a still life painting while learning about Cezanne.

Second grade is now into the rainforest. Last week we drew toucans using oil pastels and this week we worked on iguana’s using watercolors. Several other creatures will emerge during the next month.

Third grade is learning a little bit about perspective with a scene looking out of my window. They also are embracing winter with a favorite, “Catching snowflakes”.



Fourth grade has been painting our feathered friends, the cardinals this week. The results are really good. They will soon start a project on sewing hand puppets.



Fifth grade has also painted our feathered friends this week, but have added some blue jays, a woodpecker and a crow to the list of the winter birds we see.

Sixth grade made Egyptian Masks the first quarter. As always it is a favorite project. They are now learning about surrealism with some interesting drawings.



Seventh grade has done some beautiful calligraphy with illuminated letters. They also made Roman tiles using colored dried beans. They just started basket making using the coil technique.

Eighth grade is finishing up their Children's story book and some have started on block printing with a Andy Warhol theme.