

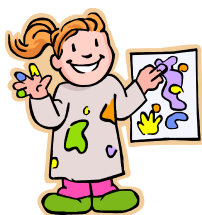
## The Science of Art



We are moving from studying the body to learning about the science of art. What are the primary colors? Which colors do you mix together to get orange? How do you make a color darker or lighter? We'll explore texture, shapes, tints, and many other aspects of art. We will get to

experiment with different mediums as well – paint, watercolors, pastels, charcoals, colored pencils, collage, and mural. Last year the children really enjoyed the group murals and getting to work on their projects over several days. Painting at the easel was also very popular.

During this unit we will be getting messy so, as always, send your child in clothes that you don't mind getting dirty. The children are required to wear smocks but that doesn't always keep their outfits pristine.



Artwork will not be sent home for awhile. We are planning on exhibiting the students' creations and will send home a note with the details.



## Original Works

We will be sending home information on Original Works next week. This is a company that we have used for years so that families can create wonderful keepsakes out of their children's artwork. Some of the items you can order are note cards, quilt block, trivets, t-shirt, and much more. The children will be creating a piece of artwork to use during our science of art unit. The order forms and payments are due Tues., March 2. All items ordered will be back in time for Mother's Day. If you have another child that would like to participate let us know by calling the office at 214-248-5555 x1381.



## Teacher's Corner

Our next featured teacher is Maria Montes. She was born in the Northwest part of Spain near a region called Galicia, where they speak Spanish and Gallego (a dialect similar to Portuguese).



After receiving her degree and certification, Ms. Maria tutored high school students. She then moved to London for nine months to study English. While in London she was offered the opportunity to come to the U.S. She worked in the Richardson School District's dual-language program for five years as a kindergarten teacher. Ms. Maria has been at The Science School for eight years as a Spanish teacher. She has one son, Humberto, who is six years old and one of the Kindergarten students.

## Manipulatives & Puzzles Lead to lots of Learning



When children manipulate small toys with their fingers they are working on developing their fine motor skills. The tiny movements involved in putting together a puzzle, lacing beads, or building with Legos helps strengthen the finger muscles and develop hand-eye coordination. Well developed fine motor skills lead to good writing later in life.

The toys in Manipulatives also help children focus and concentrate as they problem solve independently. When two or more children work together to finish a large puzzle they also learn cooperation.



## QUICK NOTES

- ☺ Spring Break is March 15-19.
- ☺ Classes for next year are filling up. Don't forget to turn in your registration forms.
- ☺ Original Works orders are due Tues., March 2.
- ☺ The school's Carnival is Saturday, March 27.