

ART ROOM INFORMATION

Hello, my name is Anne Szary (pronounced "Zary" the "S" is silent) and I am the new art teacher at Westview Elementary. I feel so fortunate to be serving your students in visual arts education. This will be my 10th year teaching art. I was at Cotton Creek Elementary in 2008-2009 for my mentor who took a year family leave and the 2007-2008 school year at Rocky Mountain Elementary for a teacher on sabbatical. For 7 years I was art teacher for students preschool through 8th grade in Howell, Michigan. Please feel free to stop in the art room anytime or contact me about any concerns. I am looking so forward to meeting you, your students and having a great year in the visual arts.

Look for a Visual Arts Weblink on our school's website. Newsletters, student art, rainy day links, student art in the community and museums of countries we are studying will be included. Below is an overview of art projects for August/September 2009:

Kindergarten

Students will study the great barrier reef and the colorful fish that live there. Then, they will draw what they think they might look like if they were a fish that lived in the great barrier reef. "I'm a Fish in the Great Barrier Reef" - Self Portrait/Gagudji X-Ray style Painting Lit: "This is the Reef " by Miriam Moss Math: Copying and Counting

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1st Grade

First grade will study the great barrier reef and especially the variety of plant life. Students will draw plant life that describes certain members of their family. " My Coral Family in the Great Barrier Reef - Family Portrait" Paper Collage/Papunya Dot Painting Lit: "This is the Reef" by Miriam Moss

2nd Grade

Art Students will write, drawing and illustrate an animal from Australia in a Mixed Media Painting "Fox" by Margaret Wild/Ron Brooks

3rd Grade

Third grade will study Papunya Dot Painting of the Aboriginal people of Australia. They will choose an invertebrate from the "Great Barrier Reef" to illustrate in mixed media.

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4th Grade

Students will study the colors and patterns of clothing from the Tahitian Islands through Gauguin's eyes. Then they will design and construct a fabric sample of their own and apply this to a TIKI. Gauguin/Tahitian Cloth Design and TIKI
Lit: On an Island with Gauguin

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5th Grade

5th grade will start their year studying self portraiture and Maori face tattoos. They will superimpose a Maori Face Tattoo on a Self Portrait, Lit: Aboriginal: Stories of Australia by A.W. Reed

**Sept. 12, 2009 Free Admission to the Denver Art Museum
visit www.denverartmuseum.org**