

PTC Kids Art by Karen Plas

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* All of my classes listed below are designed so that it can be taken for several years without a repeat of artwork or project. We may revisit some lessons in order to reinforce past instruction or theory, but the lesson theme, concept and style will differ greatly. It is very common to have repeat students for several years in one class in order to receive the maximum knowledge and practice of skills. Please take note of the upcoming themes for the 2009-2010 school year.

Elementary Art (K- 4th) This year's theme: Cross-curricular Art

In Elementary Art your child will be learning the basic elements and principles of design along with beginning drawing skills all encompassed with a theme.

The elements and principles are often difficult to recognize in a work of art. But like any academic subject, art has an established foundation of its own.

Often teachers teach art appreciation but neglect to teach the reasons why a work of art is so appealing to the individual. Normally a child will announce that they like a particular color or object in a picture, but have no idea that the artist chose the color or object to impact the work and the onlooker's feelings.

When students become familiar with the elements of art and the principles that govern them, they will begin to see how the diverse components of a work have become one.

When basing every class on specific elements and principles of art, along with varying the medium (products) and themes they use, your child will receive a well rounded art experience and gradually form a defined understanding of how to make their art visually pleasing.

In my class, every year is focused on a new theme to integrate the repeated elements and principles of art. The repetition helps with learning the methods and the varying themes help make every year different, so that other interesting aspects of art can be introduced.

Also in addition to your child's class, your child's work will be displayed on Artsonia...the world's largest online children's art museum! For more information about this please go to www.artsonia.com/home9.

Many supplies are supplied by me. There are however, some student supplies that will need to be purchased and brought back and forth by the student. This list can be found on the website www.parentteacherco-op.com and will also be handed out after sign up.

Supply Fee \$50

About Me

The Lord has given me so many blessings and it is so wonderful that I have the opportunity to share some of what He has given me; my passion for art, my love for the Lord, and the drive to teach! Ever since I was a little girl I have dreamed of either teaching or art. After 4 years of art in high school, and studying art / education in college, I was finally able to do them both!

The Lord led my journey through a public school, a Christian middle school, HSB since 2000, Grace Home School Association since 2005 and Koinonia in Rockford since 2007. I have now had the privilege of teaching at PTC and it has been wonderful! Teaching kids in the home school community has definitely been my favorite!

I am married and have 2 children who were home schooled and are now off at college. In addition to teaching I also edit and design the newsletters for the

Swedish American Heritage Society of West Michigan. I enjoy using my free time in the summer to produce works of art for friends, family and the public. Some of my artwork can be seen at the James Store Gallery in Milwaukee, WI and on my website www.karenaboutart.com

Elementary Art Supply List

1 container to hold all of your child's supplies to be brought back and forth (a tackle box, Rubbermaid container or a small back pack are just some ideas) You may want to put crayons, markers, etc. into separate zip lock storage bags as the supplies tend to dump out into their containers.

***Don't forget to use a sharpie to label all items with your child's initials. It's amazing how many I find on the floor!**

1 smock or cover up (an old adult size T- shirt works well)

Crayola 50 count colored pencils

Crayola Super Tip Markers - 50 count (make sure they are new for the year) Michael's carries the 50 count.

Crayola 96 count crayons for a nice variety of colors

Crayola 24 count watercolors with brush

1 Portfolio (large paper or plastic folder with handles to hold artwork) Any brand or color



Portfolio



Crayola Super Tip Markers