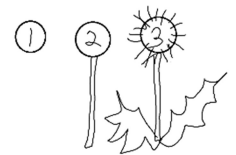


Dear 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Parents,

To quote Pablo Picasso, “Every child is an artist. The problem is how to remain an artist once they grow up.” Art should not be a worry during the COVID-19 pandemic. I have been receiving emails about grades and I will be giving blanket grades during this time. Art should be used as a “therapy” to help your students relax. Treasure whatever your student creates because it is coming from their heart. Ask them to tell you about their drawing and they will give you delightful details and insight.

Moving forward, I will be keeping my lesson plans simple to accommodate our stay at home request. Therefore, anything I may mention can be substituted for what you have. Do not feel you need to go to the store and get stuff- use what you have! Also, art can take on many different forms! If you have skills in other fields, such as sewing, baking, or woodworking, now is a great time to pass that skill to your children! It will allow you to bond with your child and your student will always have it. Substitute my lesson plans with a talent. Use the subject in a different form. For example, if the subject is flowers, teach them how to bake flower shaped cookies. Please have fun with art during this unprecedented time. Please email me pictures of the finished products!

April 20-21: Drawing dandelions: On a sheet of paper, trace 5 circles using a quarter. Add stems, then add leaves. Add lines going outside of the circle. Then, go outside, and find a dandelion. By rubbing the flower against your picture, you will be able to color it in!



April 27-28: Draw a rainbow design on a plastic lid from a clear container (lettuce container, fresh berry container, etc) Hang it in a window to look like stained glass.



May 4-5: Crush a toilet paper roll flat. Draw the diagram to the right and cut out the blackened parts. You now have a fish. Color both sides whatever color you want and add eyes to both sides.

May 11-12: Draw a heart on the center of a paper or piece of cardboard, color it in and write 2020 in the center. Ask every member of your family and see if you can trace their hands around the heart.

May 18-19: Go outside and draw anything you see that you think is beautiful. Color it.

May 25-26: Make a design on a paper with stars and stripes using red, white, and blue. Display it in your home for Memorial Day.

June 2: Clean up any art supplies today for your family! Organize wherever you have been creating, just like we would do in the classroom.

Have a blessed summer and stay safe!

Thank you,

Mrs. Ziemba