

## **Art Enrichment Description**

The arts are an essential part of developing critical thinking, creativity, problem solving, and empathy. In the PK-6th grade art room, the focus is to create, appreciate, and enjoy art by exploring various artistic styles and historical periods of art following the Alabama Course of Study for Visual Arts. We begin art making with foundational skills based on developmental stages and move into creating more complex masterpieces inspired by famous artists and themes. We look at works of art and discuss them by describing, analyzing, and interpreting what they see. We use various media including several types of paints, oil pastels, markers, colored pencils, collage papers, printmaking, and clay to help enable them to create their own works of art. We celebrate the artistic pursuits of each student by displaying student art at the LSA Art Show in the spring. The end of the school year culminates with the creation of a student art portfolio as well as a digital art portfolio on Artsonia.com.