Art and Music

Art and music are two important parts of an education that can be studied and explored in an endless variety of ways. Unlike math or science, the learning objectives for art and music cannot be as neatly quantified or defined. The main goal of art and music is to enjoy them and use them to glorify God. We have many great classes on SchoolhouseTeachers.com that can help you do just that!

If you’re interested in specific academic goals for art and music, you’ll find some general guidelines listed on the following pages. It is often most helpful if you naturally incorporate art and music into other subjects whenever possible (such as studying the art of ancient Egypt or the music of Russia alongside history and social studies).

Whenever possible, take field trips (either physical or virtual) with your children to explore art and music in a living, breathing way. Visit a museum, enjoy a musical performance, watch tradesmen in action, and dig in and try as many styles and techniques as you have time and the opportunity to enjoy!

Keep in mind as you explore art that it can cover a wide variety of techniques and media. It includes drawing and painting, but it also includes animation, architecture, casting, ceramics, computer graphics and applications, construction, dance or other creative movement, digital arts, drama (including mime, storytelling, and technical aspects of theater), drawing, film, graphic design, improvisational music, instrumental music, metal sculpture, mosaics, photography, printmaking, sculpture, textiles and fiber art, and much more.

Another integral part of art and music studies is reading biographies of famous artists and composers. You can find suggested reading lists about architecture, music, art, and art history in our Monthly Book Lists for Families section by Michelle Miller. Enjoy!
Art and Music

### Kindergarten

#### Art
- Promote and enhance fine motor skills with frequent and varied activities
- Continue to build recognition of shapes and colors
- Practice naming the different types of lines (thick, thin, straight, curved, wavy, zigzag, and broken) and practice recognizing them in pictures and drawings
- Practice recognizing patterns and textures
- Have fun with a variety of art projects using different media (pencils, crayons, chalk, moldable dough, etc.)

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*Everyday Easels*: twelve weeks of material

*Learning About Art*: ten lessons

#### Music
- Continue to enjoy traditional, patriotic, and age-appropriate songs
- Listen to many different types of music
- Learn what a piano, guitar, violin, trumpet, flute, and drum look like and sound like
- Continue practicing clapping and moving in time with the music
- Continue practicing how to behave properly in an audience

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*Appreciating the Gift of Music*: 18 lessons

SchoolhouseTeachers.com offers **Music/Voice, Recorder, Guitar, Drum***, and **Violin** lessons that can be started at any grade. *Beginner Drum lessons are licensed through December 31, 2019, at which time we will work to renew the agreement.*
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1st-3rd Grade

Art
• Explore colors. Know the primary colors and how they are mixed to produce secondary colors. Understand intermediate colors. Understand the color wheel and learn about tints and shades.
• Start exploring elements of art including line, shape, texture, space, light, shadow, and value (lightness or darkness of a color) and start seeing how you can spot these in works of art. Understand foreground, middle ground, and background and how elements of art work together to create a focus or center of interest.
• Start becoming familiar with famous works of art by a variety of artists from a variety of time periods
• Understand the difference between portraits, still lifes, abstract art, and landscapes
• Draw a self-portrait
• Continue to experiment with many different types of media
• Begin learning to group paintings by artist

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Elementary Art-Lessons in Self-Portraits: five weekly lessons for 1st grade
All About Art: six weeks, 1st-3rd grade
All About Artists: six weeks (Unit Studies and More page) for 1st-3rd grade
Introduction to Colors: six lessons (Unit Studies and More page) in 1st grade
Elementary Art-Twelve Great Artists: 2nd grade
Achieving Art Success with ArtAchieve: Level I, 7 units each year of 2nd and 3rd grade; available through August 27, 2020, at which time we hope to renew
Elementary Art-Advent Art: 1st-3rd grade
Everyday Easels: eighteen weeks of material each year
Exploring the World of Art: three units (twelve weeks) for 3rd grade
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Art and Music

1st-3rd Grade

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**Let’s Do Art Outside:** 20 outdoor arts and crafts projects for 1st-3rd grade


In our Electives category, we also have [Heritage Crafts](https://www.schoolhouseteachers.com/heritage-crafts) (all ages), [Photography](https://www.schoolhouseteachers.com/photography) (2nd-12th grade), and [Hands-On Architecture](https://www.schoolhouseteachers.com/hands-on-architecture) (3rd-7th grade).
Art and Music

1st-3rd Grade

Music
- Become familiar with elements of music including rhythm, melody, harmony, pitch, dynamics, tempo, and timbre
- Know the definition of scale, staff, and treble clef
- Know the names of the lines and spaces on the treble clef
- Sing the C major scale (do, re, mi, fa, so, la, ti, do)
- Identify whole, half, quarter, and eighth notes and whole, half, and quarter rests
- Recognize and understand 4/4, 2/4, and 3/4 meter signatures and the symbols \( p, \text{pp}, f, \text{ and } ff \)
- Enjoy and memorize traditional and fun songs
- Learn the four families of instruments in the orchestra (strings, brass, woodwinds, and percussion) and know which instruments belong to each
- Experiment with simple musical instruments
- Listen to music by various composers

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Music Theory I: sixteen weeks of the primary level in 1st, 2nd, or 3rd grade
Music Theory II: sixteen weeks of the primary level in 1st, 2nd, or 3rd grade
Music Mania: in the Unit Studies and More section
Great Musicians: twelve units for 1st, 2nd, or 3rd grade
Students may also enjoy the one-week Ditch the Desk study about Meaningful Music.
Our World Book Kids library includes fun music projects under Make Some Noise.

Additionally, SchoolhouseTeachers.com offers Music/Voice, Recorder, Guitar, Drum*, and Violin lessons that can be started at any grade. Fun with Music also offers games for music terminology review for 3rd-12th grade. *Beginner Drum lessons are licensed through December 31, 2019, at which time we will work to renew the agreement.
Art and Music

4th-5th Grade

Art

- Continue to explore and learn about the elements of art and learn to recognize them in many famous pieces of art
- Continue to experiment with as many different types of artistic media as you have the opportunity to try
- Learn to group paintings or artwork by style, subject, or artist
- Begin learning about basic styles of architecture and learn to define architectural terms such as column, dome, and arch
- Learn about careers in the arts

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**Everyday Easels**: eighteen weeks of material each year; this is an ideal time to use the sixteen-week Everyday Easels Passports unit, as it explores world architecture

**Discovering Art History**: 9 weekly lessons for either 4th or 5th grade

**Achieving Art Success with ArtAchieve**: Level II, 8 units each year; available through August 27, 2020, at which time we hope to renew

**Exploring the World of Art**: three units (twelve weeks) for 4th grade and two units (eight weeks) for 5th grade

Students in 4th-7th grade may also enjoy the four-week Lapbooking unit Knights of Art: Stories of Italian Painters and the two-week Ditch the Desk unit Evelyn Cameron: Frontier Photographer.

In our Electives category, we also have **Heritage Crafts** (all ages), **Photography** (2nd-12th grade), and **Hands-On Architecture** (3rd-7th grade). You may also enjoy our unit on the Italian Renaissance in the **Unit Studies and More** section.

Our World Book resources have art-themed activities and studies including a **webquest** about the pyramids. The **biography center** features studies on famous filmmakers, dancers, choreographers, graphic artists and illustrators, painters, photographers, sculptors, and more.
Art and Music

4th-5th Grade

Music
- Identify the instruments of the orchestra by look and sound. Know which orchestral family each belongs to.
- Reinforce and expand on musical elements learned previously. Also be sure to include tied and dotted notes, sharps, and flats. Also become familiar with terms including *ritardando, crescendo, decrescendo, legato*, and *staccato*. Introduce 6/8 meter
- Continue to listen to music by various composers and learn to match key pieces with their composers.
- Expand knowledge of musical instruments and families to include folk, ethnic, historical, and electronic instruments.

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*If It Isn't Baroque...The History of Western Music*: twelve-week study for either 4th or 5th grade.

Please note that the majority of the musical elements mentioned above are covered in Music Theory I and II and Music Mania listed in this scope and sequence for 1st-3rd grade.

Our *biography center* in the World Book libraries offers a way for students to explore the lives of numerous musicians and composers.

Additionally, SchoolhouseTeachers.com offers *Music/Voice, Recorder, Guitar, Drum*, and *Violin* lessons that can be started at any grade. *Fun with Music* also offers games for music terminology review for 3rd-12th grade. *Beginner Drum lessons are licensed through December 31, 2019, at which time we will work to renew the agreement.*
Art and Music

6th-8th Grade

Art
- Classify pieces of art by period and create timelines of art and artists
- Begin studying major schools and periods, including major artists and their works. Topics may include impressionism, postimpressionism, expressionism, abstract art, surrealism, and modern art
- Learn how to ask questions about and analyze art

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A Century of Art: nine weeks of art history for 6th-8th grade
Everyday Easels: eighteen weeks of material for 6th grade
Art Appreciation-South African Art: eighteen-week study for 6th-7th grade
Studio Art for Teens: ten weeks for 8th grade
Drawing with Realism: 8 weeks (two units) each for 7th and 8th grade plus additional help in Art Tips with Jan Bower
Exploring the World of Art: two units (eight weeks) for 6th grade and two units (eight weeks) for 7th grade
Achieving Art Success with ArtAchieve: Level III, 7 units each year of 6th and 7th grade; Level IV, 6 units in 8th grade; available through August 27, 2020, at which time we hope to renew
Students in 4th-7th grade may also enjoy the four-week Lapbooking unit Knights of Art: Stories of Italian Painters.

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Art and Music

6th-8th Grade

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In our Electives category, we also have Heritage Crafts (all ages), Photography (2nd-12th grade), Hands-On Architecture (3rd-7th grade), Architecture (Introduction) (6th-12th), Image Creation and Editing (6th-12th), Introduction to Graphic Design (6th-12th), and Filmmaking (7th-12th). You may also enjoy our unit on Remarkable Art in the Unit Studies and More section.

Our World Book libraries feature many art-themed articles and studies, including timelines of American artists, Australian artists, European artists, leaders in cinema and photography, dance history, and the history of painting. Our World Book Discover library contains a series of videos about arts, entertainment, and culture in the World Book Explains section.
Art and Music

6th-8th Grade

Music

- Identify major and minor tonalities and identify themes, variations, and repeating structures in music
- Continue to review and expand upon musical concepts learned previously. Also introduce musical terms such as octave, grave, largo, adagio, andante, moderato, allegro, and presto. Also learn to identify and define counterpoint, fugue, oratorio, symphony, concerto, rondo, suite, opera, string quartet, sonata, and chamber music
- Learn about major and minor scales, diatonic scales, and keys up to three sharps or flats
- Learn the bass clef and its notes
- Learn about major and minor scales and be able to recognize I, IV, and V7 chords
- Study chord changes, progressions, and intervals
- Recognize and identify vocal ranges (soprano, alto, tenor, baritone, and bass)
- Continue to listen to music by various composers and learn to match key pieces with their composers
- Create and play original musical compositions

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Music Theory I: sixteen weeks of the secondary level in 6th, 7th, or 8th grade
Music Theory II: sixteen weeks of the secondary level in 6th, 7th, or 8th grade
Composing with the Masters: 18 weeks for 8th grade

The Timeline database in our World Book library contains timelines of various musicians and composers as well as the history of several different types of music.

Additionally, SchoolhouseTeachers.com offers Music/Voice, Recorder, Guitar, Drum*, and Violin lessons that can be started at any grade. Fun with Music also offers games for music terminology review for 3rd-12th grade. *Beginner Drum lessons are licensed through December 31, 2019, at which time we will work to renew the agreement.
Art and Music

9th-12th Grade

Art

- Explore art history and encourage students to discuss and evaluate art in the context of its historical period including classical, Gothic, Renaissance, baroque, rococo, neo-classical, romantic, and realistic
- Continue to develop timelines that associate artwork with its historical context
- Explore how world events impacted artistic movements
- Compare and contrast the ways various artists communicate their message
- Continue to develop appreciation for perspective and composition
- Study famous architects and their work

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Art: The Timeless Treasure: nine weeks of art history for 9th-12th grade
Studio Art for Teens: eleven weeks in each grade
Drawing with Realism: 8 weeks (two units) in each grade plus additional help in Art Tips with Jan Bower
Digital Art and Product Designs: 36 weeks for 9th-12th grade
Art & History: Interconnected: 18 weekly lessons for 9th-12th grade
Achieving Art Success with ArtAchieve: Level IV, 6 units for 9th grade, and Level V, 9 units for 10th grade; available through August 27, 2020, at which time we hope to renew
Inkscape Online Adventure: 29 units (119 videos) for 8th-12th grade

In our World Book Advanced library, there are pathfinder projects for both art and architecture. Each is an in-depth collection of resources meant to guide students through independent study.

In our Electives category, we also have Heritage Crafts (all ages), Photography (2nd-12th grade), Architecture (Introduction) (6th-12th), Image Creation and Editing (6th-12th), Introduction to Graphic Design (6th-12th), and Filmmaking (7th-12th).
Art and Music

9th-12th Grade

Music
- Identify major and minor tonalities and identify themes, variations, and repeating structures in music
- Study music history, create timelines of music history and composers, and view changes in music in light of world events
- Study key composers from several musical periods including baroque (Bach and Handel), classical (Mozart, Haydn, and Beethoven), romantic (Schubert, Chopin, Brahms, Berlioz, Liszt, and Wagner), national composers (Dvorak, Grieg, and Tchaikovsky), and developments in American music (blues, jazz, and rock and roll)
- Create and play original musical compositions

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Music Throughout History: thirty-six weekly lessons for 9th-12th
Everyday Composers: three one-week units in any grade 9th-12th
Advanced Music Theory: 15 weekly lessons for 9th-12th

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