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OCEAN ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL Curriculum	
Content Area: Art	
Course Title: Art	
Grade Level: Kindergarten	
Unit Title Pacing Guide in Days	
Mixed Media	31 days
3 Dimensional Art	9 days

OCEAN ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL Unit 1 Overview	
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Introduction/Unit Focus:

This unit introduces students to the foundational techniques of drawing, painting, and collage using a variety of materials. Kindergarteners will explore different media to develop creativity and learn new artistic skills. Through hands-on projects and guided instruction, students will practice combining multiple art forms and materials. The unit encourages gradual independence as students create mixed-media artworks that showcase their understanding and creativity

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9. Applying criteria to evaluate products.	1.5.2.R9a: Use art vocabulary to explain preferences in selecting and classifying artwork.	Evaluate
10. Synthesizing and relating knowledge and personal experiences to create products.	1.5.2.Cn10a: Create art that tells a story or describes life events in home, school and community.	Synthesize
11. Relating artistic ideas and works within societal, cultural and	1.2.2.Cn11a: Discuss and demonstrate how media artworks, messages, environments and ideas	Relate

historical contexts to deepen relate to everyday and cultural
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Knowledge and Skills

Unit Learning Targets (Objectives):

Students will be able to...

- Explore and try out different art tools, materials, and ideas.
- Work alone and with others to create art inspired by their world and interests.
- Combine different art forms and materials with some support.
- Talk about their art using simple art terms.
- Describe and share what they like about their own and others' artwork.
- Create art that tells a story or shows things from their life.
- Follow safety rules when using art materials and tools.

Unit Enduring Understandings:

Students will know...

- Creativity and imaginative thinking are important skills that artists develop through practice and exploration.
- Media arts combine different materials and ideas to create artworks that communicate meaning and purpose.
- Artists use a variety of tools, methods, and materials, balancing experimentation with safety and responsibility.
- Artistic expression is influenced by personal experiences, culture, and community, which help shape meaning in artworks.
- Learning to observe, describe, and reflect on art deepens appreciation and understanding of oneself and others.

- Artists improve their work by revising and refining it over time, learning from feedback and trial and error.
- Sharing and presenting artwork connects artists with others and enriches communities socially and culturally.
- Art connects us to history, society, and different cultures, helping us understand diverse experiences.
- Knowing art vocabulary helps us talk about and understand the qualities and feelings in artworks.
- Evaluation and critique are important parts of making and appreciating art, helping artists grow.
- Artists make choices about how to present and preserve their work, considering audience and context.
- Artmaking supports problem-solving and creative thinking skills that apply beyond the classroom.

Unit Essential Questions:

- How do artists come up with ideas and plan their artwork?
- How does working with others change the way art is made?
- What helps artists take creative risks and try new things?
- Why do artists sometimes follow traditions and other times choose to break them?
- How do artists know if their work is successful or if it needs changes?
- Why is it important to use art materials safely and responsibly?
- How do the objects and designs we create shape our lives and communities?
- How do artists make sure their art expresses meaning and tells a story?
- What does it mean to say a work of art is "complete"?
- How do artists learn and get better at their skills over time?
- Why do people collect, preserve, and show artworks in museums and galleries?
- How do the places and ways we share art affect how people see and understand it?
- How does art help us learn about different cultures, histories, and people?
- How can looking at and talking about art change the way we see the world?
- What is the difference between personal preferences and evaluating art fairly?
- How does making art help us understand ourselves and the world around us?

Instructional Plan

- Mixing primary colors
- Use lines, shapes, and patterns to create pictures
- Compose simple works of art to respond to selected themes
- Demonstrate proper use of materials and clean up
- Utilize art terminology
- Portraits
- Landscapes
- Still lifes

- Realistic/Abstract drawing
- Scribble drawings
- Create product in the style of a master artist
- Experiment with mixing colors
- Identify primary and secondary colors
- Experiment with various painting techniques
- Crayon/Oil resist
- Realistic/Abstract painting
- Symmetrical art
- Mosaics
- Finger and manipulative painting
- Experiment with various painting tools / stamping
- Understand that multiple mediums can be combined in a single artwork
- Printing

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Formative Assessments:

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Supplemental Resources

Teacher Notes

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Content Area: Art	

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Target Course/Grade Level: Kindergarten

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In this unit, students will explore the exciting world of 3-dimensional art. They will learn the difference between 2D (flat) and 3D (three-dimensional) artwork by using a variety of hands-on materials and techniques. Through guided lessons, students will experiment with building, shaping, and assembling forms using clay, paper, and other media.

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- Brainstorm and share creative ideas for building artwork.
- Make artwork independently and with others based on things they see and care about.
- Learn and use new techniques for shaping, constructing, and assembling art.
- Combine different materials and art forms with guidance and growing independence.
- Talk about their artwork using art words and share their choices with classmates.
- Recognize and describe artwork they connect with from their own life or culture.

- Sort and describe artwork by its subject, mood, and details.
- Use art vocabulary to express their likes and dislikes about different works of art.
- Create artwork that tells a story from home, school, or community life.
- Act respectfully and safely when using art tools and materials.
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Unit Enduring Understandings:

Students will know...

- Artists use imagination and materials to turn ideas into 3D artwork.
- Creativity can grow by trying new things, learning from mistakes, and working with others.
- 3D artists plan and explore different ways to build and design objects.
- Artists use their skills, tools, and materials safely and responsibly.
- Creating 3D art helps people communicate ideas, feelings, and stories.
- Art can show who we are and where we come from.
- Artwork is a way to learn about different places, people, and times.
- Artists improve their work through practice, reflection, and feedback.
- People create, collect, and display art to share experiences and ideas.
- Artists think about how, where, and why artwork is shared or shown.
- Art can shape how we see the world and help us understand others.
- Everyone brings personal meaning and experience to art.
- Artists use different styles and traditions, or sometimes break them, to express new ideas.

Unit Essential Questions:

- How do artists come up with ideas and decide what to make?
- How do working with others and taking creative risks help artists?
- How do artists choose the materials and tools they use?
- Why is safety important when making art?
- How can 3D artwork show a message, feeling, or story?
- What makes an artwork meaningful or special?
- How do artists learn from their mistakes and improve their art?
- How does making art help us learn about ourselves and the world?
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- How do artists decide when a piece of art is finished?
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- How do our experiences shape the way we look at art?
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- How can art show what life is like in other places or cultures?
- How can we talk about and understand art better by using art vocabulary?

Instructional Plan

- Paper collage
- Paper sculpture
- Pinch pots
- Animal sculpture
- Abstract sculpture
- Mobiles
- Jewelry
- Ornaments
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