

ESSENTIAL KINDERGARTEN AND 1ST GRADE VOCABULARY

MEDIA AND PROCESSES



Ceramics

Art made from clay or other nonmetal materials that become hard when heated.



Collage

A picture made by gluing things like paper or fabric onto a background.



Digital Art

Art created using a computer or other digital tools.



Photograph

A picture made with a camera.



Printmaking

Making art by pressing a carved surface covered with ink onto paper.



Sculpture

Art that has height, width, and depth (not flat).

SUBJECT MATTER



Landscape

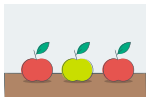
A picture of a place that is outdoors.



Portrait

A picture of a person.

- **Self-portrait:** a picture an artist makes of themselves.



Still Life

A picture of objects that don't move, like flowers or fruit.

DESCRIBING ART



Three-dimensional (3D)

Not flat; having depth, height, and width.



Two-dimensional (2D)

Flat; having only height and width.

ELEMENTS AND PRINCIPLES



Balance

The way things are arranged in art to make it look even.



Color

How light bounces off objects to make different hues.

- **Primary colors** are red, yellow, and blue. They mix to make other colors.
- **Secondary colors** are orange, green, and purple. They are made by mixing two primary colors.



Form

Art that has length, width, and height (three dimensions).

- **Cube:** a 3D shape or form with six equal square sides
- **Sphere:** a round 3D shape or form, like a ball



Line

A path that can be straight, wavy, or zigzag.

- **Diagonal lines** go in a slanted direction, not up and down or side to side.
- **Horizontal lines** go side to side.
- **Vertical lines** go up and down.



Pattern

A design with shapes, colors, or lines that repeat.



Shape

A line that has been connected to make a closed area.

- **Geometric shapes** are regular shapes like circles, squares, and triangles.
- **Organic shapes** are irregular shapes and are often found in nature.



Space

Depth: how a picture shows space, making things look close or far



Texture

How something feels, like soft, rough, or bumpy.



Value

How light or dark a color is.

ARTISTIC PRACTICES



Feedback

Helpful comments about someone's art to help them get better or feel encouraged.



Portfolio

A collection of an artist's work, often in a folder or case.



Pressure

How hard you push with a tool when drawing or painting.

Teacher instructions: When engaging with new vocabulary, read aloud to students and explain the term, showing examples through objects and images.