



Maidu Art Docent Overview

Welcome to Maidu's Art Docent Program! Our goal is to teach art appreciation and give students an opportunity to experiment with different media.

Docent Responsibilities

- Lead monthly class lessons: During each lesson, artists' artwork is presented during a short introduction (~15-20 minutes) to give students exposure, create appreciate, and teach art concepts and techniques. It is followed by a directed art project. Each lesson lasts ~ 1 hour.
- Compile all art projects into a student portfolio for students to take home at the end of the year
- Art Auction: Serve as a contact. If volunteering for the Art Auction, you will create a class art piece that can be bid on at the Art Auction. Each student should participate in the project.
- Open House: Display one of the yearly art projects during Open House. Each child should be included.

Art Portfolios

- In the Art Room, there are Art Portfolios that contain examples of artist's work and an art lesson.
- Art Portfolios are organized by grade and lesson plan. There is a grid on the wall that shows when to teach each portfolio. Maidu has half of the portfolios and Greenhills has the other half. In the middle of the year, the portfolios are rotated to the opposite school.
- There is a binder with copies of the portfolio lesson plans in the art room. They are for your reference if you need them but please do not remove them.
- Working outside of the portfolios: Some art docents create their lesson plans outside of the portfolios. Many elementary school art websites exist in addition to Pinterest. Deep Space Sparkle and Cassie Stephens are some examples. Check with your teacher first if they are okay with you working outside of the portfolio. And remember to expose students to artists, their artwork, concepts and techniques in addition to an art project.

Art Room

- The art room contains supplies for your art projects and is located in the multipurpose room.
- Please write your art lesson date and what supplies you will be using on the calendar. Close to the date, you can load the needed art supplies on the cart to take to your classroom.
- Please keep the room neat and organized, return all supplies to the art room, and teach children how to responsibly use art supplies so that they are still in good working condition.
- Please clean supplies after use and return them in the same or better condition.

Thank you for volunteering and have fun!

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