



## JOIN US

be an artist!

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We will be kicking things off in September, so keep your eyes on the Weekend Monarch newsletter for details!

# WHAT IS THE Art Club?

This is a self-paced, at-home activity/club designed to encourage kids to build a creative practice. They will get ideas and inspiration, learn art techniques, and develop a daily practice to build their artistic skills and creative thinking that they can carry on throughout their life.

The content is suitable for elementary-aged kids. Younger kids may need a little guidance - this is a perfect opportunity for parent/child bonding!

## Frequently Asked Questions

### **What does "at-home, self-paced" mean?**

This means the activities are done at home, at your convenience and leisure. Students are encouraged to bring their art supplies kit to school if they want to do art in the mornings or at recess, though!

### **Do I need all the supplies on the list?**

No. Get the basics - paper and mark-making tools. Most of the projects will just involve drawing in a sketchbook. Mrs. Wallace will provide information for those students who want to learn how to use their watercolors, but watercolors are not a requirement.

### **Can my other kids who don't go to Mails join in?**

Yes! The handouts will be provided online so you can download copies for your other kids, if you want.

### **What age level is this for?**

The content (lessons, handouts, etc.) is geared for students 2nd grade and up, since some reading is required, and ability to follow along is necessary. But, kids preschool and up can participate with some adult guidance.

### **How much will parents need to be involved?**

Kids should be able to do most activities on their own - drawing and learning different ideas. Parents may need to help their kids learn how to get ready for painting with watercolors (parent sets up the table, gives the kid a play shirt to wear, etc.). If your kid can't handle scissors and glue (or even markers) by themselves, don't give them those supplies to use. They can earn more by showing they are responsible.

### **How will art club handouts be given out?**

Mrs. Wallace will have Art Club handouts in the library for students each week. When they take a handout, they should keep it for future reference. Additional copies will be provided online for students to print at home.

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## AN AT-HOME, SELF-PACED GUIDED CREATIVE PRACTICE FOR KIDS



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## SUPPLIES

- Sketchbook\* – for drawing and making art in
- Your choice – one or all: colored pencils, crayons or markers, other mark-making/drawing tools
- Glue stick
- Scissors
- Pencil and sharpener (or mechanical pencil)
- Eraser
- IMPORTANT – a zippered pouch or bag to put all the supplies in. I don't recommend a box as they are more bulky and might pop open in a backpack. Something clear is fun – look at makeup bags. It can even be a ziploc bag.

Optional supplies – these are supplies that you can later add to your art kit as you grow and develop your practice. Some of these can be a little pricey – feel free to ask me about any of them. No need to purchase everything at the same time...add to your collection little by little!

- Watercolor paints and brush (your choice, but sets that are not labeled washable will have better pigments. Crayola or Prang are good – see notes)
- Watercolor pencils
- Waterbrush\* (barrel holds water so you don't need a cup of water for watercolors)
- Watercolor paper pad (look for the heavier 140 lb. paper)
- Sharpies – fine and ultra-fine (thin line)
- Stabilo Woody 3 in 1 Watersoluble Crayons

## NOTES

Sketchbook – this can be any type of book with pages to write/draw in. Composition books, spiral sketch books, hardbound, etc. Walmart has a nice selection – look for "mixed media" if you want to be able to use watercolor in it. You can even staple blank papers together to make your own sketchbook.

Watercolors – Try to find a set with white in it, and I don't recommend either the cheap sets (the colors will be very chalky or too light) or the washable kind (again, the colors will not be as vibrant and pigmented). A set of 8 or 16? Go with the 16. And if you are getting watercolors, get some watercolor paper.

\*My favorite art supply for watercolor is a waterbrush (Pentel is a good brand that won't leak.) Makes using watercolors totally portable.