

ART

Hello Palmer families!

My name is Rachel Martinez (she/her/hers) and I am thrilled to be your student's Visual Art teacher at Palmer Elementary School. I am a Colorado native, born and raised here in Denver. I earned my Bachelor of Arts with Honors in Art Education with a concentration in Painting in 2016 from The University of Northern Colorado. I also earned my Masters Degree in Teaching Diverse Learners from The University of Northern Colorado in 2018. This is my third year of teaching and I am so excited to have the opportunity to be a part of your student's artistic growth and creative experiences! If you have any questions, please feel free to reach me at rachel_martinez2@dpsk12.net.

Throughout the year, I plan on exposing our students to a wide range of different artists, art mediums, and art styles. I will encourage them to talk intelligently about art and see the beauty in the world around them. They will learn how to use the elements of art and principles of design. They will also be exploring multicultural arts and crafts. I believe in student choice when it comes to Visual Art and that will be reflected in the variety of materials that we will use this year.

It is my expectation that all students will do their personal best in art class just like they would in any other class at Palmer. Qualities for success in the art room are: a positive attitude, good listening skills, teamwork skills, creative-problem skills, and curiosity and a sense of exploration. Student's grades will be based upon the completion of projects, participation, and a ready-to-work positive attitude. Students will never be graded on their artistic ability level, as I understand we are all at different places in our artistic journey. In addition, they will receive a behavior grade that will count towards their final grade.

In anticipation for a spring art show, **I will hold ALL artwork until the end of the**

semester. At that time, I will send all artwork home in their art folders, or some may be held for school and/or district art shows. In that case, student artwork will be returned by the end of the school year.

Materials/ Donation (optional):

Below is a list of materials and supplies we use on a regular basis. If you are able to assist our classroom in any way, we would greatly appreciate it! Thank you in advance for investing in the success and safety of students in the art room.

- Lysol/ Clorox wipes
- Paper towels
- Hand soap (liquid)
- Copy paper
- Kleenex
- Elmer's glue sticks
- Crayola Watercolors

If you are interested in helping with any specific classroom material donations, please reach out to me at rachel_martinez2@dpsk12.net.

I am so excited to be serving our community using Visual Arts. Stop by anytime to say hi! Here is to an amazing 2024-2025 school year!

Sincerely

Ms. Martinez

