

# A Message From The Art Room About Children's Artwork

Dear Parents:

During the year your child will be bringing home lots of art work that he/she has done in class. I will be keeping some projects for the Art Show in May, but they will be returned after the Art Show. These projects are absolute treasures not only for you to look at and enjoy, but also for your child who is very proud of his/her work. But these paintings, sculptures, collages, and other works of art are something else; they are connections to your child's world at school and to his/her thoughts and feelings.

**SHOW AN INTEREST IN EVERYTHING YOUR CHILD BRINGS HOME.** Admire the artwork and talk about it. It is something your child has worked on and, as his/her creation, it is part of them. "It looks like you worked very hard on this picture. I like the way you pasted all of these feathers on. Tell me about it." He/she may not wish to talk about it; whatever he/she decides is okay.

**DISPLAY THE ARTWORK.** Children are very proud of their creations and enjoy when they are appreciated. Hang them up in a special place where your child and everyone else can see them. Many people hang flat art on the refrigerator with a magnet. Change the pictures each time your child makes a new one. It's more important that the picture is displayed than the amount of time it's up.

**FILE IT.** Keep a folder with your child's name on it to store all the art work already displayed. Be sure to put the date on the back. Your child might really enjoy looking at his/her creations when he/she is older.

**USE IT AS A GIFT.** You can use your child's artwork to make gifts for relatives and friends. One suggestion is to make a calendar, paste 12 pieces of artwork of similar size on a 12 calendar pages and staple together.

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