

Dear Parent or Guardian,

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Grading scales in the arts for grades 3-5 have changed to the same scale as K-2. This will ensure consistency in grading from year to year. Your child is graded in Art in the following areas: skill, effort, writing/oral work, artanship/character. The grading scale that is used for overall assessments is 4, 3, 2, and 1. I use a variety of grading systems and assessments to reach a grade in art. Please refer to the explanations below for a better understanding of the graded areas and the explanation of the grade.

4: Consistency - Students exceed grade level expectations consistently.

3: Consistent majority of time - Students meets grade level expectations independently.

2: Consistency less than 50% of time - Student meets grade level expectations with support.

1: Consistency minimally accomplished - Student does not meet grade level expectations with support.

Skill: This category is an assessment of a targeted skill or activity. For example, cutting, painting technique, drawing and fine motor skills, etc.

Effort: This category is an assessment of participation, effort, and time on task.

Writing/Oral Work: This category is an assessment of the student's ability to use art vocabulary, explain targeted skills, explain art topics, etc.

Artanship/Character: This category is an assessment of the student's behavior/reaction before, during, and after an art skill or activity.

Here are some frequently asked questions:

- A.) Why did my child earn a 2? It is not uncommon for a student to need reminders when learning new art skills. I am here to support your child so they can improve.
- B.) Is my child's grade based on misbehavior? No. However, misbehavior can lead to time off-task and will show in the overall grade.
- C.) How can my child earn a 3? Your child can earn a 3 by demonstrating a particular skill consistently without needing reminders or support.

I hope this better explains the grading in art. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at 819-2125 or larrict@gcsnc.com. I have saved all first quarter (and second quarter thus far) art work if you would like to see visual examples of the skills mentioned above.

Thank you,

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