Standard 1: Historical and Cultural Contexts

Students demonstrate an understanding of how people and cultures are connected across time. Humanities instruction prepares students to work and live as global citizens because of their greater understanding of their own culture and the cultures of others.

Students in grades K-3 discuss key differences and similarities in artworks. Students identify the purpose or function of an artwork and explain how it is a record of human ideas and a reflection of its culture.

Goal 1.1: Discuss the historical and cultural contexts of the visual arts.

Objective(s): By the end of Grade 3, the student will be able to:

K.VA.1.1.1 Compare and contrast key differences and similarities in art works from different time periods or cultures.
K.VA.1.1.2 Identify the purpose or function of a work of art that was created in the past.
K.VA.1.1.3 Explain how art is a visual record of human ideas and a reflection of the culture of its origin.

Goal 1.2: Discuss the interconnections between the visual arts and societies.

Objective(s): By the end of Grade 3, the student will be able to:

K.VA.1.2.1 Name ways in which a work of visual art reflects the culture from which it came.
K.VA.1.2.2 Identify ideas and emotions that are expressed through visual arts and other disciplines.

Standard 2: Critical Thinking

Students understand the purposes and functions of the arts. They build literacy and develop critical thinking through analysis and interpretation.

Students in grades K-3 use appropriate arts vocabulary to discuss works of art. Students identify the visual arts as a form of communication and a way to create meaning. Students identify characteristics of various visual art forms. Students discuss that individuals respond to art in a variety of ways. Students respond to art respectfully. Students use problem-solving techniques to respond to, create, and refine visual art forms.
Goal 2.1: Conduct analyses in the visual arts.

Objective(s): By the end of Grade 3, the student will be able to:
  K.VA.2.1.1 Identify and respond to characteristics and content of various visual art forms.
  K.VA.2.1.2 Examine the visual arts as a form of communication.
  K.VA.2.1.3 Use arts vocabulary to discuss specific works of art.
  K.VA.2.1.4 Identify the elements (line, shape, color) in art works and environments.

Goal 2.2: Exercise sound reasoning and understanding in making choices in the visual arts.

Objective(s): By the end of Grade 3, the student will be able to:
  K.VA.2.2.1 Discuss the importance of visual art in one's own life.
  K.VA.2.2.2 Discuss how art works can elicit different responses.
  K.VA.2.2.3 Express personal preferences for specific works and styles.
  K.VA.2.2.4 Identify and demonstrate appropriate behavior when attending and/or participating in arts events.
  K.VA.2.2.5 Show respect for personal work and works of others.
  K.VA.2.2.6 Dictate or write an artist’s statement (tell what the work is about).

Standard 3: Performance

Students engage in the creation of original works and/or the interpretation of works of others, culminating in a performance or presentation.

Students in grades K-3 use art techniques, media, and processes to create and replicate works of art. Students demonstrate safe and appropriate use of art materials. Students apply elements of color, shape, and line in artwork. Students create artwork about self, family, and personal experiences.

Goal 3.1: Demonstrate skills essential to the visual arts.

Objective(s): By the end of Grade 3, the student will be able to:
  K.VA.3.1.1 Acquire and use skills necessary for applying arts techniques, media, and processes.
  K.VA.3.1.2 Demonstrate safe and proper use, care, and storage of media, materials, and equipment.
  K.VA.3.1.3 Apply the elements of color, shape, and line in artwork.
  K.VA.3.1.4 Demonstrate skills of observation in the production of artwork.

Goal 3.2: Communicate through the visual arts, applying artistic concepts, knowledge, and skills.

Objective(s): By the end of Grade 3, the student will be able to:
  K.VA.3.2.1 Name and use different art materials to express an idea.
  K.VA.3.2.2 Apply artistic concepts, knowledge, and skills to original artwork.

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K.VA.3.2.3 Replicate or imitate an existing work, respecting the intent of its original creator.

Goal 3.3: Communicate through the visual arts with creative expression.

Objective(s): By the end of Grade 3, the student will be able to:

- K.VA.3.3.1 Experiment with different materials, techniques, and processes in the visual arts.
- K.VA.3.3.2 Create artwork about self, family, and personal experiences.