

Little Artists, Big Explorers

An 8-Week Art Class for Children Ages 3-5 | Parent Guide

Welcome, Families!

In this playful, sensory-rich class, children become artists and explorers. Each week introduces an artist, naturalist, scientist, or explorer through a short story, movement invitation, and open-ended studio project. Children will investigate color, nature, oceans, animals, weather, and imaginary discoveries.

FULL 8-WEEK SESSION
\$385

INDIVIDUAL CLASS
\$50
Materials included

Children Will Explore

- Painting, printmaking, collage, sculpture, drawing, and sensory art
- Color, shape, line, texture, pattern, movement, balance, and observation
- Nature, animals, oceans, weather, imagination, and creative storytelling
- Independent choices, fine-motor skills, confidence, and studio care

Our Eight-Week Journey

Week	Creative focus
1	The Color Explorer Alma Thomas and instructor artwork Create a joyful color map with short brushstrokes, sponge prints, and painted pathways inspired by gardens, sunlight, and imagined places.
2	A World of Dots Yayoi Kusama Transform a large paper shape, pumpkin, creature, or imaginary landscape using painted, stamped, and collaged dots.
3	Tiny Nature Detectives Georgia O'Keeffe Examine flowers, leaves, shells, and seedpods with child-safe magnifiers, then create an oversized nature painting or pastel drawing.
4	Deep-Sea Discovery Jacques Cousteau Create a layered underwater artwork with watercolor, sponge printing, bubble textures, collage, and real or imaginary sea creatures.
5	Shapes on the Move Henri Matisse and Alexander Calder Paint colorful papers, cut or tear them into shapes, and arrange them as a hanging mobile or playful collage.

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6	Animal Explorers Jane Goodall Create a textured animal portrait or habitat using paint, drawing, collage, and natural materials.
7	Paint Like the Weather J.M.W. Turner and instructor artwork Use large brushes, rollers, sponges, and watery paint to create a storm, sunset, breeze, rainbow, or invented weather event.
8	My Wonderful Discovery Student choice and instructor artwork Create an original artwork about something the child would like to discover, then dictate a short artist statement.

What to Expect

- A short visual story, movement or sensory invitation, simple demonstration, generous studio time, and gallery circle.
- Open-ended projects that welcome different ideas and developmental stages.
- Artwork may be completed in one class or continue while paint and collage materials dry.
- A final mini-exhibition celebrating each child's process and discoveries.

Clothing and Materials

Please choose clothing that can handle paint, glue, and creative messes. Primary art materials are provided and are included in the class price. Families will receive advance notice if a clean recycled or natural item is requested.

Safety and Inclusion

Washable, non-toxic materials and age-appropriate tools are used with close guidance. Please share allergies, sensory preferences, motor needs, or other supports before class so the studio can prepare a welcoming experience.

How Families Can Support Young Artists

- Ask: "What did you discover?" "What did you try?" or "If you look closely, what will I see?"
- Celebrate curiosity, experimentation, and persistence rather than a particular finished result.
- Notice colors, patterns, textures, animals, plants, and weather together in everyday life.
- Display artwork at the child's eye level and invite them to choose its title.

We look forward to creating, exploring, and wondering together!