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August 2013 Newsletter

Hello everyone! Welcome back to school!

If you are reading this newsletter, then you’ve found my NEW website! Thanks for checking it out!

As a reminder, we do have 2 art teachers here at Riverwood, due to our large enrollment. On the website, you can click on my name or Mrs. Thornberry to see the list of classes we teach.

August went by very quickly. During the first week, my classes went over the rules, procedures, and expectations for art class. One of the expectations is that students in 1st-5th grade are responsible to bring their own art supplies and their sketchbook to art class each time. (Kindergarten students do not need to bring anything with them.)

My first graders learned the steps for the Weekly Draw exercise. Students in grades 2-5 reviewed the steps. Students draw an object at their table for 3-4 minutes at the beginning of art class each week. This is a practice exercise for looking at and interpreting what they see onto paper.

All of my students began a grade level pre-assessment activity. The same activity will be repeated near the end of the school year. The students will be able to compare the 2, and see their own growth in their abilities - physical motor skills, perceptual skills, and cognitive thinking skills. Kindergartners drew lines, shapes, a self-portrait, and a figure, and traced their hand. Grades 1-5 drew an animal from a photograph, created visual texture, and added a background using pencil and colored pencil.

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