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Dear Kindergarten Parents/ Guardians:

Hello, my name is Yvonne DelFratte and I am pleased to have your child in my art class at Sharpsville Elementary School.

The kindergarten art program is designed to meet the needs of kindergarten students and will enable your child to get the greatest benefit from his or her time in the art rom. Each kindergarten class will have art in the art room (room #501) once every 4 school days. The schedule is an A,B,C,D rotation. The time for art class is 40 minutes. An art grade will not be listed on the student report card until 1st grade.

The art curriculum is based on the DBAE (Discipline Based Art Education) method of teaching art, which will enable your child to learn about the visual arts along with producing art projects. The beginning of the program encourages exploration and self-expression as well as growth in basic art skills, art vocabulary & concepts. Please be aware that creating projects while exploring visual arts can take more than one meeting. Do not be alarmed if your child does not bring home completed art projects every week. In addition, we will be exploring a wide variety of art materials (all are non-toxic and mostly water based). Some materials may be difficult to remove from clothing, therefore, it is important that each child brings in an art shirt to cover school clothing. Please clearly mark the shirt with the child's full name and class on an old oversized T-shirt. This shirt will be personalized in class (white or light colors work best) and kept in the regular classroom for the duration of the year.

In class, I have 3 basic rules of respect, they are as follows: Respect for your teacher, your classroom, and your classmates. During our first meeting we discuss how an individual and a group might model these areas of respect. Also discussed is my system for earned rewards and consequences.

Please feel free to contact me with any comments, questions, or concerns you may have throughout the school year.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Yvonne DelFratte