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Dear Parents/ Guardians:

Welcome to a new school year! My name is Yvonne DelFratte. I am the elementary art teacher at Sharpsville and, I am very pleased to have your child in my art class. The start of the school year is a great opportunity for me to familiarize everyone with the elementary art room.

It is my belief that, if a student is going to get the greatest benefit from my class, it is important to learn about art along with producing projects. Throughout the year, students will be engaged in exploring a curriculum that follows the academic standards set for the visual arts by the Pennsylvania Department of Education. Therefore, students will be involved in learning about art history, criticism, aesthetics, problem solving, and design principles along with developing the skills necessary to make works of art. Creating projects in this manner often takes more than one class, so do not be alarmed if your child is not bringing home completed art projects every week. In addition, art grades will reflect progress according to the students' grasp of key concepts, processes and skills presented in each lesson. **The grading system for art in grades 1-5 will be as follows: ES- Exceeds Standards** (Student consistently grasps, applies & extends key concepts, processes & skills. Works beyond stated goals.); **MS- Meets Standards** (Student grasps & applies key concepts, processes & skills. Meets stated goals.); **AS- Approaching Standards** (Student is beginning to grasp & apply key concepts, processes & essential skills. Making less than expected progress.); **NS- Needs Support** (Not grasping key concepts processes & skills. Student may require additional support).

Work on art projects will expose students to a wide variety of materials, such as, paint, clay, paper, yarn glue, oil pastels, and chalk, in order to teach various art techniques. **Due to the fact that some of these materials may stain, please have your child bring an art shirt with his or her name and homeroom clearly printed on the shirt to school as soon as possible.** The art shirt will be kept in the regular classroom for the duration of the year and should be carried to art class each week.

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 one models these areas of respect. Also discussed is my star 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