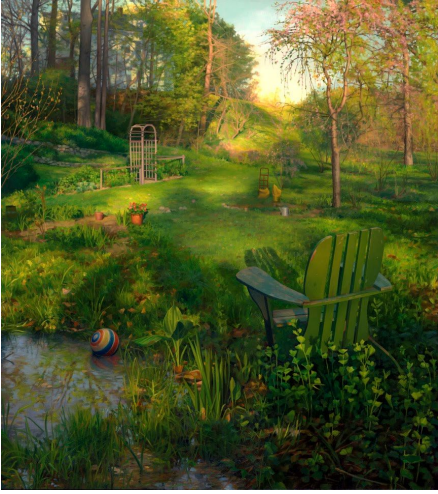


Welcome RCS families to Mrs. O'Donnell's Visual Art Exploration Page!



Scott Prior, *Backyard in Spring*



Anna O'Donnell, *West Road*



Anna O'Donnell, *RCS Parking Lot View*

During the next two weeks we have been given time to fully immerse ourselves in the change of season and the beginning of Spring. You do not need the internet or other people to be able to be inspired by nature, all you need is you and the great outdoors!

Let nature inspire you to create visual artworks. You can create plein air paintings (painting made outside looking at your environment), paintings from photographs you have taken of your environment, environmental art sculpture, photographs, drawings and sketches.

Every day you can take art making materials: pencil, paper (you can tape the paper down to a hard book if you dont have a sketchbook), or if you want to try a color landscape than take crayons, colored pencil, or paint, and find a dry place to sit outside, and draw what you see. If it's rainy or cold you can do this looking out a window to the outdoors. Start with a pencil sketch and then move to a new piece of paper and use color. I would be happy to give feedback on your work when we get back to school-just bring it to an art class and we can review what you have made.

*Remember that with environmental art weather and time will create change in the artwork, sometimes instantly-so take a picture of your creation when it is finished. You can even document the change to your art by taking a series of photographs.

Have fun! Be creative! Explore and enjoy, remembering there are no mistakes in art and when your art takes an unexpected turn (your paint water spills all over your paper, your cat steps on the wet paint etc.) this is an awesome chance for a new challenge to stretch our imaginations and creativity!

Here are some of my favorite websites to get inspiration for projects:

Draw inspiration from the greatest artists of all time!

Google Arts & Culture's collection includes the British Museum in London, the Van Gogh Museum in Amsterdam, the Guggenheim in New York City, and literally hundreds of more places where you can gain knowledge about art, history, and science.

<https://www.travelandleisure.com/attractions/museums-galleries/museums-with-virtual-tours>

Deep Space Sparkle has super fun projects for elementary ages:

<https://www.deepspacesparkle.com/>

Environmental Art ideas to get you out in nature!:

<https://lovelygreens.com/30-garden-projects-using-sticks-twigs/?fbclid=IwAR2oC2iaMxN3OhVYVCGWAEIRKNvAAYbpJhKLoOb8gBH3lysineVCxXEB--s>

My favorite environmental artist-Andy Goldsworthy- So amazing:

<https://www.kidzworld.com/article/29663-andy-goldsworthy-the-art-of-nature>

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LP_-P7ZcWZU

<https://youtu.be/JTnHiOA6a0E>

More cool websites for art project ideas:

<https://doodles-academy.org/projects/>

https://www.pbslearningmedia.org/search/?q=STEAM%20art%20lessons&selected_facets=

<https://www.parents.com/fun/arts-crafts/>

<https://www.steamsational.com/the-ultimate-list-of-steam-art-projects/>