

Be friendly and
open to create
connections!

Sample Welcome Letter from the fictitious ABC123 Middle School

Hello!

My name is Amanda Heyn and I am the art teacher here at ABC123 Middle School. I wanted to take a moment to introduce myself. Like any good art teacher, I love to draw and paint, which also makes me a walking encyclopedia of stain removal techniques should you ever need any advice. **What you might be surprised to learn is** that I also enjoy baking elaborate cakes, attending the farmers' market every Saturday and practicing yoga when I get a few free minutes (which, with a one year old at home, is just about never).

Highlight specific
projects and say
why art class is
important.

This semester in art, your student will be doing all sorts of amazing things. We'll learn about color theory, drawing techniques and basic construction. We'll also take a tour through some of Wisconsin's most famous architecture and learn basic book-making skills. All the while, I'll be pulling in math, language arts and social studies connections for some sneaky cross-curricular learning. It is my goal that all students will leave art with a strong capability to solve problems creatively, **which is a highly sought after skill in today's world.**

The class expectations are below. Please review and talk about them with your students.

1. Respect other students and the adults in the room.
2. Respect the art materials and classroom space.
3. Think like an artist.

Include class
expectations so
there are no
surprises.

If students are having significant trouble following the expectations, I will be sure to let you know so that we can work on a solution together.

Find common
ground right
away.

I believe that for students to be successful at school, we need to work as a team. Please feel free to contact me at any time with concerns or questions about your child's art education. My hope is that your child will have the absolute best art class experience possible and gain new skills and confidence throughout the semester. **If there's anything specific I can do to help make this happen, please let me know.**

Thank you so much for reading! I look forward to meeting you at Back to School Night on October 27th. Don't forget we have our Annual Art Show on March 15th here at school in the gymnasium. In addition, you can find the ABC123 Middle School Art Room on Facebook and at www.blognamehere.com.

Artfully Yours,

Amanda Heyn

Don't forget to
add special
events and social
media sites!

Please sign and return this bottom portion to Mrs. Heyn by _____

Parent Signature

Student Signature