



# News from the Art Studio

**Nuckols Farm Elementary - Back to School 2012**

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## **Hello! My name is...**

Jennifer Hampton and I am so thrilled to be teaching at Nuckols Farm! Originally from Michigan, I have been in Richmond for 16 years. My husband, Wade, is a Hanover County Firefighter and I have three-year-old twin daughters. The summer was great fun and included trips to Northern Michigan, the Outer Banks and Kiawah Island, South Carolina.

I have been teaching Art in Henrico County for 12 years at Short Pump Elementary. (As a side note, I student taught under Mrs. Newbill at Nuckols Farm, therefore part of me feels like I am “coming home to where it all started.”) Mrs. Newbill is an amazing mentor and has run an incredible art program. I am excited to continue what she has cultivated here. I look forward to working with Nuckols’ outstanding faculty and supportive parents as well as creating with your students.

**Art Studio online @** <http://nfesartstudiohampton.weebly.com/index.html>

We have an exciting year ahead of us! We will be looking at a variety of artists’ works and cultures while working in a wide variety of media.

I am pleased to be able to share what’s happening in the art studio through my new blog! You will find current art studio news, an art gallery for each grade that shows examples from our lessons, fun art websites and local art opportunities. To begin the year, I have added some examples of projects that I have recently taught in order to give you an idea of what your students will be creating. (*Scan the QR code above and visit now!*)

## **Sometimes we can get a bit messy...***(reading this just might save you money!)*

Though we try to keep clean, creating can sometimes be a messy affair - accidents such as paint spills will happen. I would like to ask that each student have their own smock that will be kept in their classroom. A large button down shirt works very well. An extra step is to cut off the neck/collar so that your student can simply pull it over their head without buttoning and unbuttoning. Cutting the sleeves to a proper length for your student is especially helpful as well. Please do not send plastic smocks (especially the ones that tie at the sides and do not cover sleeves). Art day may not be a good day to wear that new outfit or treasured shirt! Thank you for making sure your student has **his/her own art smock no later than Monday, September 17th** – we are going to get busy quickly!

## **Making art not suds...**

Our art studio will be busy and we want to spend most of class creating our masterpieces. A classroom full of students at the sink takes precious time and is quite a sight! Donations of **BABY WIPES** (Huggies, Pampers or Kirkland) for messy hands are much appreciated. Please write "ART" on the container and send them with your child to school.

## **Your trash is our treasure...**

At times, we would love to recycle some of your "treasures." Currently, we are interested old magazines or catalogs (please be sure they are child friendly ☺) and 32 oz (clean) plastic containers.

## **Where's the artwork?!**

4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students will be saving their projects in a student portfolio instead of work coming home periodically throughout the year. The art portfolio provides student reflection on self-progress and learning as well as projects getting home in good condition. K-3<sup>rd</sup> grade students will typically bring home projects a few weeks after completion unless the work is on display. *Please be assured that all artwork eventually does come home!*

## **Sketch it!**

4th and 5th graders will keep "class-made" sketchbooks in the art studio. We will use them for working out ideas for projects, drawing exercises, bright ideas, and extra moments. If your student expresses an interest in having one at home, they can be purchased relatively inexpensively at any arts and crafts store. (Or homemade ones can be extra special too!)

## **Would you like to join us?**

Do you have a special talent that you would like to share with students in the art studio? I would love to talk to you about the opportunity to visit us as a Guest Artist.

Thank you for your support of the arts. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.

I look forward to meeting you at Back to School Night and having a great year with your artists!

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