

Dear GSA Families,

During the extended school closure, families and students should focus on their well-being and health first and foremost. Keeping up with academics is also important, and students should study core subjects primarily. Subjects like art can provide a necessary break from more tedious work, and I wanted to provide some ideas and resources for students who are interested in learning about or creating art while away from school. On the second page, you will find links for instructional drawing videos as well as interactive sites and apps from art museums around the country.

During the closure, there will be **optional** meetings with me (Ms. Cashel) on Zoom once per week for each grade level. Again, these are totally optional, meaning that attendance is voluntary rather than mandatory, and no grades will be recorded. These meetings will just be a chance for students to check in and see familiar faces and to share some artwork they've made during the past week if they'd like. I might share some art tips and ideas, but the meetings will be mostly "show and tell" style and student-driven. Meetings will take place on Zoom, and the links below will be used for each meeting. Just click the link **at** (not before) the start time of each meeting. You can also email me images of student artwork in advance of any meeting so I can share it with the group on-screen during the next meeting. It can be difficult to see artwork just held up to a webcam, and of course it appears backwards. Again, all of this is totally optional.

Zoom meeting schedule and links:

Mondays (10 a.m.) 2nd grade <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/769012912>

Tuesdays (10 a.m.) 1st grade <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/236015137>

Tuesdays (**10:30 a.m.**) Kindergarten <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/830336025>

Wednesdays (10 a.m.) 5th grade <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/405072990>

Thursdays (10 a.m.) 4th grade <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/279903981>

Fridays (10 a.m.) 3rd grade <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/452087780>

Teacher office hours are 10 am to 2pm, Monday through Friday. This is when we are available to communicate via email. If you need something outside of office hours, I will probably be available to reply. Contact me at bcashel@gstl.org if you need anything or want to share anything. Students may email me at that address if needed, and individual Zoom meetings can also be requested. If you need anything at all, just reach out.

Sincerely,

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ART RESOURCES:

Instructional Drawing:

Youtube Channels:

Art For Kids Hub: <https://www.youtube.com/user/ArtforKidsHub>

Draw So Cute: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC3dEvA1is6-o_yueigiCdEw

Muffalo Potato: <https://www.youtube.com/user/muffalopotato>

Mark Kistler: <https://www.youtube.com/user/MarkKistler/videos>

Christopher Hart: <https://www.youtube.com/user/chrishartbooks/videos>

Paul Priestley Art: <https://www.youtube.com/user/filbertsplosh/videos>

Circle Line Art School: <https://www.youtube.com/user/circlelinemedia>

LIVE Lunch Doodles with author/illustrator Mo Willems:

<https://www.kennedy-center.org/education/mo-willems/>

Art Museum Resources for Kids:

#metkids: The Metropolitan Museum of Art in NYC

<https://www.metmuseum.org/art/online-features/metkids/>

This user-friendly site splits into three sections: map, time machine, and videos. Use the map to virtually explore the Met or play with the time machine to find works of art from various time periods and regions of the world, and even sort by theme like “fashion”, “creatures”, “sports” and “secrets”. The video section has museum Q&A hosted by kids, art made by kids, and tons of ideas and tutorials on creating art with easily accessible supplies you probably already have at home.

San Francisco Museum of Modern Art

<https://www.sfmoma.org/series/countrydogs/>

“In the video series The Country Dog Gentlemen Travel to Extraordinary Worlds, canine characters from Roy De Forest’s playful painting Country Dog Gentlemen take you on adventures to learn about famous artworks in SFMOMA’s collection.”

(Short videos with cartoon dogs narrating famous works of art from the collection)

NGA Kids app: The National Gallery in D.C.

<https://www.nga.gov/education/kids.html>

“The NGAkids Art Zone app contains eight interactive activities inspired by works in the collection of the National Gallery of Art, plus a sketchbook for freehand drawing and a personal exhibition space where users can save and display art created with the program. The child-friendly interface, easy-to-use tools, and the overarching emphasis on discovery, careful looking, and artistic self-expression make the NGAkids app educational and fun for the whole family.”

Smithsonian for Kids

<https://www.si.edu/kids/>