

Connection to Parents and Families

Excerpt from the Elementary School Newsletter where I did my student teaching.

News from the Art Room

Dear Parent/Guardian,

My name is Mrs. Kritikos and I am a student teacher from Rhode Island College. Under the supervision of the school art teacher Erin MacPhee, I will be teaching your student art lessons up until the beginning of March. As an artist and a parent, I understand how art education is an important part of the academic success of each student. Art is more than a creative outlet. When students receive a quality art education, it impacts their life greatly. Through art, students are able to create pieces that represent their unique voice. Art informs us about other cultures and gives us a better understanding of the world we live in. When students are in a creative environment, they develop innovative thinking, problem solving, and other life skills that will help them thrive. During my time in Glocester, my main goal is to connect with each student personally and help them explore a variety of artworks and mediums that will inspire them to value the arts as well as learning.



Letter I wrote to send home to families during my elementary practicum.

Dear Parents and Guardians,

My name is Mrs. Kritikos and I am a student teacher from Rhode Island College. Under the supervision of the school art teacher Catherine Davis Hayes, I had the opportunity to teach your student's class. They learned that art is an important part of science. Students used magnifying glasses to make observations, and document what they saw when looking at nature found objects.

I hope you enjoy looking at the artwork your student created. If you would like to help your student continue this exploration, visit the link below for instruction on how to make a nature journal with recyclable materials.

Link to DIY nature journal:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4EnmiuKqBXI>