

## *Join the GRACE Art Docent Team at Aldrin Elementary*

## *GRACE Art Program 2018-2019 Schedule*

### *What is the Grace Art?*

GRACE Art is the signature art education program of the Greater Reston Arts Center. Established in 1976 to supplement and support students' art experience in the schools, today the program serves over 20,000 students in 40 public and private elementary schools in the region. See [restonarts.org](http://restonarts.org) for more information. At Aldrin, it is organized and run solely by parent volunteers.

### *What does a Docent do?*

Using materials provided by Aldrin GRACE Coordinators, a Docent presents the material to a class, followed by a related project. No art experience is necessary.

### *How much time does it take?*

Time commitment: 45 minutes to one hour in class per month plus review of the artist presentation and class project beforehand. Artist presentations and project materials are prepared by your GRACE coordinators.

### *Not comfortable giving the presentation?*

Work as a team with another parent volunteer and be an assistant -- a second pair of hands is always helpful.

<b>October</b>	<b>Carle</b>
<b>November</b>	<b>Art of India</b>
<b>December</b>	<b>Intro to Drawing</b>
<b>January</b>	<b>Intro to Architecture</b>
<b>February</b>	<b>Miro</b>
<b>March</b>	<b>Cassatt</b>
<b>April</b>	<b>Japanese Art</b>
<b>May</b>	<b>Cave Painting</b>



techniques of the 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> century.

### *JOIN US!!*

Be a part of this year's fun-filled art journey through the various styles and

***No art or teaching experience necessary!***

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## *GRACE Art Program*

*Aldrin Elementary  
2018-2019*

*Orientation Meeting  
TBA*

*GRACE Art*

GRACE Art is a PTA-sponsored art enrichment program at Aldrin Elementary, exploring various art themes and artists ranging from ancient and classical art to modern and contemporary art.

Each month volunteer parents (or “Docents”) come into the classroom to share a short presentation about an artist and lead the class in an artist inspired project. All students from KG to 6<sup>th</sup> grade participate in GRACE.

GRACE begins with an exploration of Eric Carle in October and will study eight artists in total through May. Projects are sometimes brought home on the day of the class, or may be exhibited at school. Aldrin also participates in the annual Youth Art Exhibition at the GRACE gallery in Reston. A selection of student work is exhibited at the gallery.

### *Unlocking Creativity with Hands-on, In-class Projects*

Our monthly projects are age-appropriate and are designed to help bring the lessons to life. A one-page summary of the art lesson is also distributed each month to share with parents at home.

Students are introduced to various media and challenged to develop art skills. Most importantly, the program seeks to unlock their creativity and instill a desire to learn more about the world around them through art.



### *Making Connections with Science, Math and Social Studies*

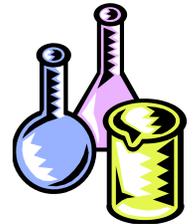
Art is intertwined with many disciplines. As you present each GRACE Art lesson, you connect students to the world around



them. GRACE art explores how certain works of art reveal mathematical thought, how science plays a part in the subject, how artists were influenced by the world and culture they



live/lived in and the medium artists choose. In cooperation with teachers, GRACE strives to



synchronize the presentations with current lessons in the curriculum to enhance learning wherever possible. The goal is learning – not just in art – but also across the broad spectrum of subjects.