

# Art at Adams!

## DEAR ADAMS FAMILIES

I am your art teacher Srta. Monique. I want to give everyone a little background on myself. I have been practicing art since I was in elementary school and always knew I wanted to do something in life that related to artmaking. I also LOVE school. During my time in college, I realized that my love for school and art can become my career, and so in late 2015 I began my journey to get my license in art education. This September marks the beginning of both being a teacher and my time here at Adams. It brings me joy to not only teach what I love, but to also teach it in my home language.

### *Fun Facts!*

- *I have 2 dogs! (Coco the chihuahua and Dante the Shih Tzu)*
- *I have 3 birds! (Pimienta the 'tiel, Mokoto and Piña the parakeets)*
- *Hobbies include, running, weightlifting, reading graphic novels, and video games.*

I look forward to connecting with your student(s) and finding something artistic that interests them.

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## LOOKING AHEAD

### K-2<sup>nd</sup> grade

We will be setting expectations and I will be getting to know them as much as possible. We will be discussing how to properly care for the art materials and where to store their items. Additionally, we will discuss safety and proper art room etiquette for entering and exiting the shared space. Our first unit will consist of talking about line. We will learn about vertical and horizontal lines and how the shape of them can change.

### 3-5th Grade

We will be going over expectations and reviewing art room etiquette. I will also discuss some changes regarding materials and their locations. The first unit we will cover is Line. We will learn about vertical and horizontal lines and how the shape of them can change. Additionally, students will familiarize themselves with the works of select artists ranging from drawing and painting, to illustration and sculpture. See below for who they are!

## In Other News...

### REMINDERS

The annual **PIMS paper drive** is coming up and I would appreciate help with getting paper not just for the art room, but for the entire school. The paper drive is **Saturday September 21<sup>st</sup> at 9 AM**. The location is still do be determined. If you are available please e-mail me.

Another incredibly exciting piece of information is that before I could publish the Adams Art room Donors choose page, the \$625 funding goal was met in less than 24 hours thanks to an anonymous donor! The focus of the fundraising page was on growing our ceramics supplies. Thanks to our anonymous donor, our students will have a chance to use clay much sooner than expected. Finally, there is an Amazon Wishlist for the classroom that ranges from materials to create art, to books for the classroom library. Take a look!



Amazon Wishlist:

<https://amzn.to/2IY1UG8>

### THE YEAR AHEAD

Looking ahead into the year, there will be something big we will be doing that the kids have been asking for since I arrived at Adams. We will finally be working with clay this year!! Finally, I am moving away from the traditional red, Blue, green, etc... tables. This year the tables that students will sit at are artist themed. The artist tables will include pictures and artwork of **Kehinde Wiley, Jaune Quick-to-See Smith, Maya Lin, Jean-Michel Basquiat, Kusama Yayoi, Gabriel Picolo, and local illustrator Trung Le Nguyen (Trungles)**. Feel free to look up these artists with your student to familiarize with their work but it is not necessary as we will dive into the works of these artists and how they relate to what we are learning throughout the year.

