



Bragg School's art classes have been displaying their work in quarterly art shows at the Chester Public Library. Currently art will be on display through the first week of May, and then again in June. When you visit, you will get to witness first hand the most diverse and creative works of art.

The Bragg School visual arts class is ran as a student centered studio, using Teaching for Artistic Behavior (TAB) pedagogy. This means art class is focused on supporting divergent thinking and teaching FOR creativity. *The students are regarded then as artists*, and are free to make their own choices concerning subject matter and materials, discovering how to make more authentic art. When given the chance to explore their own ideas, passions,

and interests, children often find greater meaning and relevance in their work, as you will witness in the works on display at the library.

The goals of art class are centered around developing artistic behaviors and mindset, so lessons will surround ideas such as:

- Develop studio art making skills in traditional and non traditional media
- Embrace problems of relevance within the art world and/or of personal importance
- Developing a focus in their art and persevering at tasks
- Envisioning their work by planning ahead and imagine possible next steps
- Create works that convey an idea, a feeling, or a personal meaning
- Observe deeply; to attend to visual contexts more closely than ordinary "looking" requires, and thereby to see things that otherwise might not be seen
- Reflect: Learning to think and talk with others about an aspect of one's work or working process, and learning to judge one's own work and working process and the work of others.
- Stretch & Explore: Learning to reach beyond one's capacities, to explore playfully without a plan, and to embrace the opportunity to learn from mistakes
- Interact as an artist with the art world

Thank you for all you do to support your child's experiences in art class!

**Mrs. Lori Vilagos, Bragg Visual Arts Teacher**

<https://www.chester-nj.org/LVilagos>

<http://mrsvartlab.weebly.com>

Twitter: @artsymrsv

Instagram: @Braggartists

lori.vilagos@chester-nj.org