

Dear Parents,

I am excited to have your child in art class these nine weeks. I would like to take a moment to share my hopes and ideas for the visual arts classes this year. As a school, we are implementing a BYOD (Bring Your Own Device) policy. This is a plan where students can bring a device (smart phone, iPad, iPod, etc.) to school for use in the classroom to facilitate the learning experience. (This is not mandatory.) Visual arts classes will be involved on a regular basis with infusing technology into the curriculum and I will introduce and facilitate the use of these devices in a way that supplements the concepts we are learning in class and complements the arts curriculum. I am excited to have this opportunity and I want to be able to communicate with you what is happening in the classroom.

We will mainly use the internet (in a safe and directed manner) and some educational apps. Student emails will not be requested. There will be times when iTunes applications will be used. All the apps are FREE and I will notify the students ahead of time in order for you to review them and install them on their device for the upcoming project or lesson. Again, this is not mandatory and if your child does not have access to a device he/she will not be at a disadvantage.

I realize this is new territory for many of us and I want you to feel comfortable with this initiative and know that the objective of introducing technology into the classroom is to facilitate learning, encourage students to become more engaged and challenge students to further explore concepts and ideas beyond the classroom.

*If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me.*

Thank you!

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Robinson Visual Arts Website at <http://rnat.weebly.com>**

# iPad Apps

Here is a list of the iPad apps we will use on a regular basis in this class.  
Most of them are free. All of them will be available for the students  
to use on the classroom iPads.

Totes m' Notes	Haiku Deck
QR Code Buddy	Paper
Tracing Paper Lite	Pages
Hello Oil Painter	Keynote
Brain Pop	AB EX NY
Art Puzzles	MoMA Art Lab
Sketch n'Guess	Color Uncovered
PS Express	Art Museum
Color Splash	Impressionism
WordFoto	Van Gogh Interactive
Percolator	ArtCircles
Pic Collage	Spacecraft 3D
	Solar Walk