

# Dripping Springs ISD Elementary Art Department

*Student Focused  
Community Driven  
District Advancing  
Universally Applicable*

## Philosophy

### **ART IS...**

- The umbrella for all fundamental learning.
- Essential visual literacy.
- A core subject as the foundation for all other subjects.

### **WE...**

- Are certified Art Educators, teaching the Elements of Art and Principles of Design based on the Art TEKS.
- Are in alignment with the Fortune 500 top requests for future employees; creativity.
- Prepare students with the necessary skills to advance in the 21<sup>st</sup> century, from Kindergarten to their career lives:
  - 1 Trigger prior knowledge.
  - 1 Actively engage students.
  - 1 Initiate higher-level thinking.
  - 1 Utilize problem solving.
  - 1 Develop independent thinkers.

### **WHY WE ARE SUCCESSFUL...**

- We give students a voice.
- We see every child as gifted.
  - We bridge gaps between divergent learning, through customization.
- We gain aesthetics and cultural appreciation.
- We value the process as well as the product.