



Hello!

My name is Dawn Norris and I am the art teacher here at Big Walnut Elementary School. I wanted to take a moment to introduce myself. This is my twenty first year of teaching and my third year teaching TAB/Choice..

Teaching for Artistic Behavior (TAB) aligns with our districts philosophy to *personalize instruction, engage learners* and *grow minds*. A key element in the TAB art room is the availability of many centers or 'studios'. The studios are carefully arranged so the students have access to an extremely wide variety of media. The main art studios include: Drawing, Painting, Collage, Sculpture, Architecture, Fiber Arts and Digital Arts/iPad studio. It is my goal that all students will leave art with a strong capability to solve problems creatively, which is a highly sought after skill in today's world.

A special focus this year will be on documenting and showing student growth in Art. Third and Fourth grade students will be setting goals in the beginning of the year and documenting their learning at least four times during the year through Artist statements and Artsonia. All students will be tracking their station use each class and I will use this data to drive instruction.

This week I have been reviewing the class routines and expectations.

- 1. Respect other students and the adults in the room.**
- 2. Respect the art materials and classroom space.**
- 3. Think like an artist.**

If students are having significant trouble following the expectations, I will be sure to let you know so that we can work on a solution together. I believe that for students to be successful at school, we need to work as a team.

Please feel free to contact me at any time with concerns or questions about your child's art education. My hope is that your child will have the absolute best art class experience possible and gain new skills and confidence throughout the year.. If there's anything specific I can do to help make this happen, please let me know.

Thank you so much for reading! I look forward to meeting you at Curriculum Night August 23, 2018 . In addition, you can follow the Big Walnut School Art Room <http://bweart.weebly.com> And Artsonia <https://www.artsonia.com/schools/school.asp?id=16470>.

Artfully Yours,

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To Do:

- ☐ Check out my website and blog at <http://bweart.weebly.com> to stay informed on what is going on in Art
- ☐ Ask your child what they have learned in Art and what they have created
- ☐ Granted Permission Online for Artsonia and viewed the BWE Art gallery

