

Berrien Springs Partnership Syllabus and Instructor Qualifications

Class Title: Acrylic, Watercolor and Pastels Session 1 and 2

Grade Levels: grades k-6

Fall Start Date: September 10th, 2025 (10am-12pm and 1-3pm) **End Date:** November 12th, 2025

Spring Start Date: TBD **End Date:** TBD

Weeks Total: 10 weeks fall/10 weeks in spring **Weeks Off:** National Holidays

Days and Weeks available: Wednesdays from 10am-12pm and 1-3pm

Required Hours: 16 **Possible Hours:** 18+ (including 1-2 make-up days TBD)

Address: 2642 W John Beers Rd. Stevensville, MI 49127 **Main Instructor:** Julie Nitz

Additional Instructors (background checked): Cassie Bolt

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INSTRUCTOR QUALIFICATIONS: Bachelor's Degree in Fine Arts from Western Michigan University with over 13 years of teaching children and adult art classes.

Course Description: Students will learn how to work with different mediums such as watercolor, acrylic, marker, chalk pastels and oil pastels.

SYLLABUS/OUTLINE: WEEKLY BREAKDOWN OF PROJECT-BASED LEARNING ACTIVITY

Class Materials

*All materials will be provided

Session summary:

Week	Class
Week 1	We will work on an acrylic and wood project.
Week 2	Marker projects
Week 3	Watercolor project
Week 4	Special project TBD
Week 5	We will create a step-by-step painting with acrylic.
Week 6	We will create a mixed media painting
Week 7	We will work with plastic pallet knives to create an abstract painting.
Week 8	We will work chalk pastels and watercolor
Week 9	Special project TBD
Week 10	Step-by-step painting

Schedule is tentative.

*There may be 1-2 make-up classes

STUDENT ASSESSMENT:

The students will work on a sketchbook each week outside of class. Fail/Pass option: Pass: Students cooperate during class time, practice at home, and demonstrate progress to receive a passing grade.

All classes abide by the following:

1. The student must agree to attend at least one 2 hour class a week. Attendance is kept online and tracked by Partnership staff. Failure to meet 80% or be on track to meet 80% may result in program discontinuation.
2. The Partnership Student Assessment or Performance Form is filled out by the teacher and turned in to Partnership staff. Failing marks for lack of participation, behavior issues, , etc. may result in program discontinuation.

CLASS POLICIES: ATTENDANCE, BEHAVIOR, WEATHER, ETC.

Attendance: Students must meet on time.

Behavior: Respectful towards teacher and peers.

Weather: Classes may be canceled due to weather. Classes are excused when school is canceled.