



Mark Abbate

Art

Mr. Mark Abbate has been the art teacher at St. Thomas since 2014. He received his BFA from the Art Institute of Chicago in 1980 and has been teaching art for 25 years. He designed and created the beautiful mosaic that you see on the wall just outside the main entrance to the school building and he enjoys helping design the sets for our school plays, musicals, and Christmas program.

Mr. Abbate also sponsors an after school art club for our 3rd and 4th grade students.



"I like seeing the progress and growth from Kindergarten to 8th grade."

Art Curriculum Highlights

- Perspective unit (7th and 8th grade)
- Day of the Dead unit (5th and 6th grade)
- Audubon and bird drawings (3rd and 4th grade)
- Flowers inspired by Van Gogh (1st and 2nd grade)
- Seasonal art projects (PS and K)
- Artwork inspired by Georgia O'Keefe
- Units on watercolor painting, tempera painting, chalk pastels and oil pastels
- Incorporate the elements and principles of art
- Faith-based projects: religious Christmas art projects, Jesus portrait in clay with a metal finish.