



# Walla Walla Public Schools Classroom Close-Up



TEACHER NAME: Jayne Eacker

SCHOOL: Lincoln High School

Position: Art Teacher

YEARS IN DISTRICT: 2 years

Q. What do students in your Introduction to Art class learn?

A. Students attend class daily. We work with clay and make sculptures. We also paint and draw every morning. The work we do depends on the students' interests. I gear the class toward what the students want to do.

Q. What skills do you want your students to develop?

A. We work on craftsmanship and students learn about composition. They understand adding and subtracting dimensions so the projects have balance. There are many different skills students master to complete their art projects.

Q. Why is art important for all students?

A. It is important to be aware of art and notice art in their everyday lives. Art has become more valued in our society and people who think outside of the box are desired in the work place. Computer graphics and technology require a lot of imagination and fundamentals of art. I challenge my students to look at art work from the past to get ideas and serve as a jumping off point for their work.

Q. What is the shadow box project your students are working on?

A. Students are working on Cornell Boxes. Joseph Cornell was a primitive artist who was self taught. The students are putting together boxes which express something personal to them and serve as windows into their lives.

Q. Why did you have your students create their own art book?

A. We made canvas book covers and ordered the drawing paper for the inside pages from the district print shop. I drilled holes into the covers and the kids decorated their covers with watercolors. We used a book binding technique to construct a book spine. The students use their books for their daily drawings.

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MOMENTS & MEMORIES FROM  
JAYNE'S CLASS:



COMMENTS FROM JAYNE...

I grew up in Walla Walla and graduated from Walla Walla High School. I attended Whitman College to study art. I owned a store in downtown Walla Walla prior to teaching. As a former business owner, I understand I work for my students.

My son Mason is a 5th grader at Edison and my daughter Franny is a senior at Wa-Hi. My husband is Fritz Keiler. He works for DA Davidson.



I make jewelry and I like to paint. I sell my jewelry downtown. I enjoy walking my dog and running. Lately, I've been rock climbing with my son. I love spending time with my family.