

# Welcome To Art Class

We're delighted that you'll be joining us for art at the Zoo. In order to make the overall experience positive here are a few reminders.

Before class on the first day, **please purchase a Strathmore Drawing Sketchbook** (11" x 14" 400 series, 24 sheets). These can be found in most art supply shops. Here are a couple of locations to consider: Aaron Brothers, Michael's, or The Art Store on India Street in San Diego. Do not purchase bound Academic Sketch Pads because the pages fall out!

All sessions begin and end on the sidewalk just south of the area labeled *Greeting Grass*. It is clearly marked on the direction map. The area is located across the street from the Zoo's Warner Administration building. You will need to turn off Zoo Drive and into the Zoo's parking lot to be on the correct side for safe loading and unloading.

It is critical for all students to be on time. **Late arrivals will miss valuable instruction time and will need to wait for available staff to connect you with the art class.** You can arrive as early as 15 minutes before class begins. After class, we wait with students up to 15 minutes beyond the dismissal time. If later than fifteen minutes, students will be taken to the Education Department Monday through Friday, or to the Zoo's Security office on Saturday or Sunday. Parents will be charged a late fee of \$17.00. No student (under age 18) can be left alone, unsupervised without a written permission note from parents. Please be on time!

## IMPORTANT REMINDERS

- **Bring your Print-At-Home ticket** to class with you. There will be a quick ten-minute orientation that all parents are asked to stay for on the first day of class.
- After the first meeting, parents are invited to use the "express drop-off and pick-up" system. It will save you from the necessity of finding a place to park. **If using the express lane, you must stay in your car.** Parents wishing to get out of their cars are welcome to, but they must park in designated spaces and walk to the dismissal area to get their child.
- Students **should bring a snack, water, and lunch.** Time does not allow a purchase of treats from food stands. Again, no concession stand purchases allowed.
- **Comfortable shoes** are a good idea—the Zoo is our art studio. We do quite a bit of walking.
- In the process of **doing art, we often get dirty!** Choose your clothing and shoes accordingly. The Zoo takes no responsibility for cleaning or replacement of any items.
- It's smart to **use sun-gear:** sunscreen, visors or hats, and water bottles are especially important in summer months. In the winter, be prepared for rain. We hold class rain or shine.
- All students young and old **must stay with the class** at all times.
- Other than an emergency, if a student needs to **leave class early the teacher must be notified in advance.** The student can only be picked up in the Education Department. The student will be placed in the office when the art class is in the vicinity of the Education Department. This could result in additional wait time for the student. Only with a written permission note will students be released early without an adult escort.
- **Behavior is important in art class.** In order to provide individual art instruction all students must be respectful to others including students, teachers and aides. See the Zoo's behavior policy.

We look forward to seeing you!