



**Learn to Paint**

**Artist: Jennifer Gimzewski**



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**Grade Level:**

1<sup>st</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup>

**About the Artist:**

Jennifer recently received a Bachelor of Fine Arts from Western Oregon University and she currently works in her own studio, drawing and painting in both oil and acrylic mediums. Before obtaining her BFA, she was an elementary school teacher for twenty-five years, teaching mainly in International schools and in the UCLA laboratory school. Jennifer has taught all grades from first through sixth. She believes that Art is an integral part of all elementary teaching and should be used throughout the disciplines as well as standing alone as a unique subject. It is difficult to think of an area of the educational curriculum that cannot be enhanced by using art.

**Objectives:**

Some children have trouble filling their page or paper when they draw and paint. These lessons will show young artists how to fill their 'canvases with line, shape and color to obtain an overall harmony and cohesiveness in their work. Jennifer aims to work with the children so that art becomes a fun way to learn about the world around them and to enable them to express themselves through drawing and painting.

**Activities:**

Using the principles of design, (emphasis, balance, proportion and unity) children will create unique compositions, while learning about positive and negative space, texture, value and color. Jennifer is delighted to work with classroom teachers in order to integrate the children's art experience with their current curriculum. If preferred, she can develop ideas and subject matter for the compositions that are separate from classroom work. (Many of her lessons are based on poetry.)

**Workshop Size Limits:**

- No more than 20 students

**Special Equipment:**

- Pencils, paper, paint, brushes etc...

**Space Needed:**

- Classroom with tables and chairs and access to water

**Connections to the Curriculum:**

- Applicable to all