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Greetings from Art class! The third trimester is going to be ‘sew fun’! Each child in grades 1-5 will create a sewing project in art class while safely and confidently using real sewing tools.

Kindergarten: We will study world architecture this third trimester, using a variety of new art materials to create projects that introduce them to different cultures through world monuments and famous buildings. These projects will come home with explanatory letters attached. Students work hard to make these projects, whether they succeed or to just experiment. The best thing to do with your works of art is to praise your artist and take an interest in anything they can tell you about the art.

1st Grade: We will dye, print and sew a small pillow to take home made of clean, new cotton fabric. They will study the island country of Japan during their **oceans unit** and participate in an ancient, beautiful Japanese art form called Gyotaku or fish printing. In art class students use professional grade Procion dyes to first water-bath dye their pillow background, then use a rubber fish to fish-print onto their pillow top using a variation of this Japanese technique. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=InpLfs4rasw>. Next, each student will sew on a button fish eye and finally stuff their pillow with stuffing donated by first grade parents. This project takes ‘the village’ and volunteers are requested for days we sew and for taking pillows home to machine sew the backing on. Please contact me if you would like to join the fun. 720-424-9455.

Grades 2nd-4th: We will all sew a small stuffed creature. This creature will first be conceived using a real or imagined narrative. As the animal or person comes to life in the imagination of the student artist’s writing, the creature will be drawn on paper and later sewn with felt fabric using the details of the narrative to make it unique. Each student experiencing this project will learn new sewing vocabulary and sewing skills including threading a needle using a diamond needle-threader, various types of knots, a variety of different stitches and how to use pins. Students will use their first grade sewing skills of attaching buttons and evenly filling a pillow cavity with pillow stuffing. Lots of new sewing tools are also available in the Art room thanks to a generous donation from the **Bradley PTO** and **Bradley Parents** who participated in the **Bradley Read-A-Thon!** Young artists will become confident in using these tools.

5th Grade: We will take turns working on the potter’s wheel using clay to create bowls and cups. While waiting their turn, they will learn how to hand-felt using unspun wool to create a picture. Students will have the option of sewing into their felted fabric to add details. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W1PBecbdZUw>

We have had a very merry art year indeed and the third trimester promises to surprise students with new skills and projects that they can be proud of. The art room is quickly running through basic supplies. If you would be willing, we could use: Elmer’s Glue-All glue (not school-glue) buttons, sewing needles, any sewing notions, pillow stuffing, and yellow sponges with the green scrubby side. The Art room is a warm and welcoming place where families are always invited to stop in. Sewing has been safely taught at Bradley for 15 years. Stop by room 120 to join the fun or with any questions.