

# 2016-2017 INTRODUCTION TO VISUAL ART AT CASCO BAY

Visual Art at Casco Bay uses the Maine Visual Art Standards to introduce the theories and processes of art making. Students will learn about the Elements of Art and Principles of Design, and will use creative problem solving to design, create and analyze art. They will work with traditional materials such as pen and ink, charcoal, paint, paper mache and collage, as well as contemporary materials and techniques. Each project introduces students to the variety of thinking processes that inspire art such as working from observation, using the design process to abstract from reality, creating symbolic language, using another artist as muse and creating art as a service project.

## **What's different about art at Casco Bay?**

At Casco Bay an emphasis is placed on creating art that addresses issues in the contemporary world and that has a strong personal connection. Investigations often take place through Expeditions or in partnership with other subject areas. Students will be asked to consider critical questions such as: *What is the role of the artist in changing society? What inspires me to create? How can I convey my ideas through art?*

## **Content Standards:**

### Media, Tools and Techniques

- Understand and demonstrate how to use a variety of materials
- Understand the use of traditional and non-traditional materials by contemporary artists

### Creative Problem-Solving Skills

- Develop and refine original ideas from sketches
- Solve problems creatively by taking risks and trying multiple solutions

### Design and Create

- Learn to design and create original works of art using the Elements of Art and Principles of Design
- Create unique, high quality art

### Reasoning/Thinking Skills

- Analyze the quality of your work using the Elements of Art and Principles of design
- Revise ideas through reflection, analysis and peer reviews
- Reflect meaningfully on the process of art making and the quality of your work

### Art History

- Demonstrate an understanding of contemporary art
- Understand how contemporary artists are inspired by the work of artists from other time periods.