

## **Art Topics in 1<sup>st</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade at Toco Hills Home Tutoring**

Because our goal is to bring both the technique and history of art to our students, art is therefore integrated into all of the work done by the students at Toco Hills Home Tutoring. As we bring skills to the children, we have found that the 'project' is not important; rather it is the simple introduction of a new medium or technique that catches the imagination of a child. Creativity does not rest solely upon the completion of a formal art class; rather it arises from the acquisition of new skills and media when they are applied to something that the individual mind has imagined. Below is a brief outline of topics covered.

### **Elements of Artistic Creation taught**

Line/Edges

Surface/Spaces

Relationships & Perspective (which involves the skill of 'sighting')

Light and Shadow

Color

Composition

### **Materials/Media used**

Drawing

Painting

Printing

Threads and Textiles

Construction/Sculpture

Collage/Mosaic

### **Art History and Appreciation**

While the study of different artists throughout history will be a topic, we also feel that the study of art can be connected to the study of history and the study of every culture. Our students produce time lines of art or of the artists themselves as not just vehicles for completion of a research, but also as artistic creations in and of themselves.