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Visual Arts	Elements of Visual Art	Line	Explores types of lines using different media.	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	R		1
Visual Arts	Elements of Visual Art	Line	Uses words to describe different types of lines: <i>thick, thin, diagonal, horizontal, vertical, straight, curly, wavy, scalloped, zigzag, long and short.</i>	●	●	●	●	R					2
Visual Arts	Elements of Visual Art	Line	Explores lines using different pencils ranging through HB, H, and B types.		●	●	●	●	●	●	R		3
Visual Arts	Elements of Visual Art	Line	Explores types of lines using different media: strips of paper; thin and thick felt markers; crayons; and paint with different brushes.	●	●	●	●	R					4
Visual Arts	Elements of Visual Art	Line	Alternates thin and thick stripes with different media.	●	●	●	●	R					5
Visual Arts	Elements of Visual Art	Line	Creates line designs (complexity increases with age and ability).	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	R		6
Visual Arts	Elements of Visual Art	Shape	Explores types of shapes using different media.	●	●	●	●	R					7
Visual Arts	Elements of Visual Art	Shape	Uses words to describe different types of shapes: <i>blob, outline, geometrical names where appropriate.</i>	●	●	●	●	R					8
Visual Arts	Elements of Visual Art	Patterning	Explores repeat patterns using various stamps (e.g., vegetable stamps).	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	R		9
Visual Arts	Elements of Visual Art	Patterning	Explores making square patterns with various media.	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	R		10
Visual Arts	Elements of Visual Art	Patterning	Explores making half-drop patterns with various media.	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	R		11
Visual Arts	Elements of Visual Art	Patterning	Explores making alternative motifs with a half-drop pattern with various media.	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	R		12
Visual Arts	Elements of Visual Art	Patterning	Explores making complex net patterns with various media.	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	R		13

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Visual Arts	Elements of Visual Art	Patterning	Explores symmetrical and mirror images with various media.	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	R		14
Visual Arts	Elements of Visual Art	Patterning	Explores patterns and designs from various cultures and attempts to replicate those styles.	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	15
Visual Arts	Elements of Visual Art	Color	Explores primary colors using various media.	●	●	●	R						16
Visual Arts	Elements of Visual Art	Color	Explores mixing primary colors to produce secondary colors using various media.	●	●	●	R						17
Visual Arts	Elements of Visual Art	Color	Names all primary and secondary colors in context of art media.	●	●	●	R						18
Visual Arts	Elements of Visual Art	Color	Uses more advanced language of color in context of art media.	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	19
Visual Arts	Elements of Visual Art	Color	Explores color value with various media.		●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	20
Visual Arts	Elements of Visual Art	Color	Explores effects of contrasting color.		●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	21
Visual Arts	Elements of Visual Art	Color	Makes plaid pattern with overlapping colors.				●	●	●	●	●	●	22
Visual Arts	Elements of Visual Art	Color	Explores tints and shades with black and white.	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	23
Visual Arts	Elements of Visual Art	Color	Explores tints and shades by adding black or white to a hue.		●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	24
Visual Arts	Elements of Visual Art	Color	Explores tones by adding various grays to pure hue.				●	●	●	●	●	●	25
Visual Arts	Elements of Visual Art	Color	Produces own color wheel - six part.	●	●	●	R						26

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Visual Arts	Elements of Visual Art	Color	Produces own color wheel - twelve part.										27
Visual Arts	Elements of Visual Art	Color	Produces own color wheel - thirty-six part.										28
Visual Arts	Elements of Visual Art	Color	Uses correct terminology to name pigments (e.g., <i>cobalt blue</i> , <i>Prussian blue</i> , etc.).										29
Visual Arts	Elements of Visual Art	Textures	Explores textures by making rubbings using different media.										30
Visual Arts	Elements of Visual Art	Textures	Uses artistic rubbing techniques.										31
Visual Arts	Elements of Visual Art	Textures	Explores various media to create texture in artwork.										32
Visual Arts	Elements of Visual Art	Textures	Makes a collage with rubbings.										33
Visual Arts	Elements of Visual Art	Space and composition	Explores composition in art with various media.										34
Visual Arts	Elements of Visual Art	Space and composition	Fills space with various shapes and line combinations.										35
Visual Arts	Elements of Visual Art	Light and shadow	Explores negative and positive images with various media.										36
Visual Arts	Elements of Visual Art	Light and shadow	Uses shading to represent shadow and dimension.										37
Visual Arts	Elements of Visual Art	Light and shadow	Becomes aware of shadow and effects of light direction.										38
Visual Arts	Elements of Visual Art	Light and shadow	Explores shadow/light and shade with various media.										39

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Visual Arts	Using Art Materials and Media	Cutting	Uses scissors to perform initial cutting exercises: one snip.	●	●	●							40
Visual Arts	Using Art Materials and Media	Cutting	Uses scissors to perform initial cutting exercises: on a diagonal.	●	●	●							41
Visual Arts	Using Art Materials and Media	Cutting	Uses scissors to perform initial cutting exercises: two or more snips.	●	●	●							42
Visual Arts	Using Art Materials and Media	Cutting	Uses scissors to perform initial cutting exercises: zigzag lines.	●	●	●							43
Visual Arts	Using Art Materials and Media	Cutting	Uses scissors to perform initial cutting exercises: cutting on a curved line.	●	●	●							44
Visual Arts	Using Art Materials and Media	Cutting	Cuts out a square or rectangle.	●	●	●							45
Visual Arts	Using Art Materials and Media	Cutting	Cuts a free-form shape.	●	●	●							46
Visual Arts	Using Art Materials and Media	Cutting	Cuts a shape from the middle of a page.	●	●	●							47
Visual Arts	Using Art Materials and Media	Cutting	Cuts spirals.	●	●	●							48
Visual Arts	Using Art Materials and Media	Cutting	Cuts corners.	●	●	●							49
Visual Arts	Using Art Materials and Media	Cutting	Cuts folded paper.	●	●	●							50
Visual Arts	Using Art Materials and Media	Cutting	Cuts chain links.	●	●	●							51
Visual Arts	Using Art Materials and Media	Cutting	Applies cutting on lines and free hand to produce various items.	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	R		52

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Visual Arts	Using Art Materials and Media	Gluing	Glues mosaics.	●	●	●							53
Visual Arts	Using Art Materials and Media	Gluing	Glues super-imposed forms.	●	●	●							54
Visual Arts	Using Art Materials and Media	Gluing	Glues patterns with various media and with increasing complexity.	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	R		55
Visual Arts	Using Art Materials and Media	Gluing	Creates a collage with different media.	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	56
Visual Arts	Using Art Materials and Media	Gluing	Uses edge-gluing techniques to create three-dimensional structures.		●	●							57
Visual Arts	Using Art Materials and Media	Gluing	Makes paper chains.	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	R		58
Visual Arts	Using Art Materials and Media	Printing and stamping	Uses stamping materials effectively.	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	R		59
Visual Arts	Using Art Materials and Media	Printing and stamping	Explores different media for printing and stamping.		●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	60
Visual Arts	Using Art Materials and Media	Printing and stamping	Uses printing and stamping techniques in projects.				●	●	●	●	●	●	61
Visual Arts	Using Art Materials and Media	Painting	Explores texture, line, and form with one color at a time.	●	●	●							62
Visual Arts	Using Art Materials and Media	Painting	Uses two colors together without mixing (keeping brush clean).	●	●	●							63
Visual Arts	Using Art Materials and Media	Painting	Uses three primaries to mix other colors.	●	●	●							64
Visual Arts	Using Art Materials and Media	Painting	Paints with tempera.	●	●	●							65

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Visual Arts	Using Art Materials and Media	Painting	Paints with water colors.	●	●	●							66
Visual Arts	Using Art Materials and Media	Painting	Paints with transparent water colors.		●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	67
Visual Arts	Using Art Materials and Media	Painting	Paints with acrylics.				●	●	●	●	●	●	68
Visual Arts	Using Art Materials and Media	Painting	Paints with gouache.				●	●	●	●	●	●	69
Visual Arts	Using Art Materials and Media	Painting	Paints with oils.				●	●	●	●	●	●	70
Visual Arts	Using Art Materials and Media	Painting	Explores crayon resist painting techniques.	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	R		71
Visual Arts	Using Art Materials and Media	Painting	Explores textured painting techniques.	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	R		72
Visual Arts	Using Art Materials and Media	Painting	Explores wet-on-wet painting.	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	R	73
Visual Arts	Using Art Materials and Media	Paper Folding and Cutting	Explores elementary origami folds (valley and mountain folds).	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	74
Visual Arts	Using Art Materials and Media	Paper Folding and Cutting	Explores various uses of paper to create texture.	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	75
Visual Arts	Using Art Materials and Media	Paper Folding and Cutting	Makes paper snowflakes.	●	●	●	R						76
Visual Arts	Using Art Materials and Media	Paper Folding and Cutting	Uses double-sided paper to create interesting textures.	●	●	●	R						77
Visual Arts	Using Art Materials and Media	Paper Folding and Cutting	Follows simple origami patterns to create objects.	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	78

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Visual Arts	Using Art Materials and Media	Paper Folding and Cutting	Follows more complex origami patterns to create objects.	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	79
Visual Arts	Using Art Materials and Media	Threading	Makes chains with various media.	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	80
Visual Arts	Using Art Materials and Media	Threading	Explores repeating patterns with various media.	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	R		81
Visual Arts	Using Art Materials and Media	Modeling	Explores kneading, stretching, squeezing, and rolling clay.	●	●	●	●	R					82
Visual Arts	Using Art Materials and Media	Modeling	Makes simple pinch pot with clay.	●	●	●	●	R					83
Visual Arts	Using Art Materials and Media	Modeling	Makes coil pot with clay.	●	●	●	●	R					84
Visual Arts	Using Art Materials and Media	Modeling	Makes simple slab constructions with clay.	●	●	●	●	R					85
Visual Arts	Using Art Materials and Media	Modeling	Adds decoration to clay constructions.	●	●	●	●	R					86
Visual Arts	Using Art Materials and Media	Modeling	Makes plaster of Paris molds.		●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	87
Visual Arts	Using Art Materials and Media	Modeling	Uses vocabulary such as <i>wedging</i> , <i>slip</i> , and names of tools.	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	88
Visual Arts	Using Art Materials and Media	Modeling	Works independently with clay to complete own projects using various techniques.						●	●	●	●	89
Visual Arts	Using Art Materials and Media	Modeling	Mixes salt dough.		●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	90
Visual Arts	Using Art Materials and Media	Modeling	Makes salt-dough figures.		●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	91

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Visual Arts	Using Art Materials and Media	Wax Crayon Techniques	Creates batik effect with wax crayons and ink.		●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	92
Visual Arts	Using Art Materials and Media	Wax Crayon Techniques	Explores sgraffito/etching with wax crayons.		●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	93
Visual Arts	Using Art Materials and Media	Wax Crayon Techniques	Explores melted-wax techniques.		●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	94
Visual Arts	Developmental Stages in Visual Art	Stages	Explores media through uncontrolled or poorly controlled scribbles.	●	●	●							95
Visual Arts	Developmental Stages in Visual Art	Stages	Scribbles become controlled with evidence of composition and intentional use of shapes.	●	●	●							96
Visual Arts	Developmental Stages in Visual Art	Stages	Combines shapes with lines and outlines to build individual line formations.	●	●	●							97
Visual Arts	Developmental Stages in Visual Art	Stages	Uses lines to create designs.	●	●	●							98
Visual Arts	Developmental Stages in Visual Art	Stages	Uses symbols (such as mandalas, suns, and radials), as child moves between non-representative exploration and representative art.	●	●	●							99
Visual Arts	Developmental Stages in Visual Art	Stages	Begins to name elements in art work (sun, mommy, me, etc.).	●	●	●							100
Visual Arts	Developmental Stages in Visual Art	Stages	Begins to draw recognizable human figures, plants, and objects.	●	●	●							101
Visual Arts	Developmental Stages in Visual Art	Stages	Combines symbols to make pictures.	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	R		102
Visual Arts	Developmental Stages in Visual Art	Stages	Creates early representative artworks; sky and ground appear.		●	●	●	●	●	●	R		103
Visual Arts	Developmental Stages in Visual Art	Stages	Creates a picture that tells a story.		●	●	●	●	●	●	R		104

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Visual Arts	Developmental Stages in Visual Art	Stages	Draws from an object – still-life.		●	●	●	●	●	●	R		105
Visual Arts	Developmental Stages in Visual Art	Stages	Draws a person – portrait.		●	●	●	●	●	●	R		106
Visual Arts	Developmental Stages in Visual Art	Stages	Draws a landscape using perspective and shading.		●	●	●	●	●	●	R		107
Visual Arts	Developmental Stages in Visual Art	Stages	Combines media and techniques to produce original work.		●	●	●	●	●	●	R		108
Visual Arts	Photography	Photography	Uses digital camera to take photos in classroom.		●	●	●	●	●	●	R		109
Visual Arts	Photography	Photography	Begins to explore composition in own photos.		●	●	●	●	●	●	R		110
Visual Arts	Photography	Photography	Uses simple software to manipulate images.				●	●	●	●	R		111
Visual Arts	Photography	Photography	Uses digital photography and software to manipulate images for own projects.					●	●	●	R		112
Visual Arts	Art History	Abstract	Works with pairing and sorting cards of abstract art.	●	●	●							113
Visual Arts	Art History	Abstract	Studies and discusses representative works from abstract period.		●	●	●	●	●	●	R		114
Visual Arts	Art History	Abstract	Creates work in style of abstract period using similar techniques.		●	●	●	●	●	●	R		115