

# Berrien Springs Partnership Lab Syllabus and Instructor Qualifications

LABS (CLASSES) ARE PROVIDED AS AN EDUCATIONAL SOURCE FOR PBL (PROJECT BASED LEARNING)

## COMMUNITY CLASS TITLE: Paint and Play

**GRADE OR AGE LEVELS:** Ages 7+

**FORMAT:** IN-PERSON

**DAY AND TIME OF THE WEEK:** Mondays 2-3:15pm (Week of Sept 12-Dec 9 with week of Thanksgiving off)

**TOTAL REQUIRED HRS:** 14.5                      **ADD'L POSSIBLE HRS (OPTIONAL TIME):**

**TOTAL SEMESTER HOURS POSSIBLE: 18**

**LOCATION (address): 3271 Kerlikowske Road Coloma, MI 49038**

- add directions here if necessary

### PRIMARY INSTRUCTOR:

- list additional instructors that will be background checked:

Niki McNeil

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ADDITIONAL REGISTRATION AT SITE REQUIRED?    YES    NO

IF YES, INSTRUCTIONS FOR REGISTRATION:

## INSTRUCTOR QUALIFICATIONS (may attach a separate page if necessary):

Niki brings art classes to life in a way that captivates and engages students. Her classes are more than just lessons; they're interactive adventures where imagination knows no bounds. Explore the vast landscape of artistic expression with Niki, where every stroke and stitch is a step towards unlocking your creative potential.

## **COURSE DESCRIPTION (OVERVIEW):**

Each week we will gather in the studio and explore a new technique or medium. We'll create a mixture of directed paintings, abstract paintings, themed painting where students get to be creative or free paint. Acrylic and Watercolor will be our main mediums but we'll be exploring some multimedia type paintings and do stations with a larger variety of mediums at least twice during the semester. PLEASE send your kids with an art smock or in clothes that can get paint on them.

## **SYLLABUS/OUTLINE: WEEKLY BREAKDOWN OF PROJECT-BASED LEARNING LAB ACTIVITIES**

*Describe activities that will reinforce the lesson. Include any work and time to be required outside of class:*

*Each class will include a brief introduction, demonstration, hands-on practice, and time for creative exploration.*

*I encourage students to share their artworks and discuss their creative process during class.*

*I provide a supportive and encouraging environment for artistic growth and experimentation.*

*Because every class has a unique set of kids with different skills and abilities I adjust difficulty levels and projects based on individual skill levels within the age group.*

*This breakdown provides a structured approach to introducing young students to the exciting world of watercolor and acrylic painting, fostering creativity, and nurturing a love for art.*

## **COURSE OBJECTIVES AND APPROXIMATE TARGET DATES:**

*Steps to check for student understanding, along with dates or # of weeks into class:*

As we work through each technique and painting instructor will ensure students are progressing and understanding the process.

## STUDENT ASSESSMENT - what will be used to evaluate student progress and/or end of semester pass/fail status?

- 1) Student agrees to attend at least 80% of class sessions/lessons offered. Attendance is kept online and tracked by Partnership staff. Failure to meet 80% or be on track to meet 80% may result in program discontinuation.
- 2) The Partnership Student Assessment or Performance Form is filled out by the teacher and turned in to Partnership staff. The link to this form is found on the web page for this class. Failing marks for lack of participation, behavior issues, practice time, etc. may result in program discontinuation.

**Class-specific assessment:** discuss and include the form or a link to the form that you use.

## ADDITIONAL RESOURCES: (online, books, video, etc.):

N/A

## CLASS POLICIES: ATTENDANCE, BEHAVIOR, WEATHER, ETC.

**Attendance:** Do your best to be in class every week, please let me know if you won't be attending any given class. Students are able to work the whole course via videos with prior arrangements or due to extended illness/travel.

**Weather:** If either the district the class is held in or Coloma (the district I'd be traveling from) is closed, we will not have class. If your district is closed or you are concerned about being out and class is still on please stay home, you are not penalized for lack of attendance during weather situations. If you are unsure which district your class is held in, please reach out and ask.

**Other:** I expect students to be kind and respectful of other students and their own and other students' work. Please find something nice to say or say nothing at all.