



**CHRIST-
LIKENESS**

LOVE

UNITY

EXCELLENCE

INTEGRITY

DISCIPLESHIP

What is WCA's Vision **FOR ART?**

At the center of a WCA art education is truth, goodness and beauty. There are people who can learn how to appreciate art, who have the understanding of what makes a creation true, good, and beautiful. There are also people who can learn to create art which is lovely. At WCA, we teach students to do both. Art for the believer is to observe God's creation in a more detailed way in order to know God better. As a student takes time to saturate his vision with the nuances that contribute to make creation excellent, he understands more deeply that God is a loving creator. The student sees that creation is beautiful and can see himself as one of God's glorious creations.

At WCA we teach students from 7th grade through 12th grade the skills that allow them to create 2-dimensional and 3-dimensional art. Building upon the foundation of the grammar school curriculum, standards for seventh and eighth grade students draw the students to the next level of quality work. They now have the skills necessary to produce detailed and engaging art. It is during the dialectic stage that students decide if they'd like to pursue their study during their high school years. For WCA high school students, art is an elective, although it continues to be integrated in all their subjects. Students choose to continue to study art and art history. Classes include pencil drawing and sketching, watercolor and acrylic painting, and 3-dimensional work including sculpting and clay.

Ultimately, the high school artist will create a portfolio, which could culminate in a thesis presentation. Not all students feel God's leading down an artistic thesis path; many are content to joyfully create their own pieces and rejoice in the truth, goodness and beauty of other's created work.

