



## Art is a Picnic

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**Days:** Monday to Friday, July 22-26

**Time:** 10am-12pm

### Course Description:

“Don’t play with your food” is what we are told all the time! But for these lessons we give you permission to play, create, and explore your artistic talents, ‘playing’ with food ideas inspired by various artists. Students will draw, paint, collage, and even print with vegetables and fruit. Finally, students will make a sculpture of a cake Thiebaud style.

### What will you learn?

Students will study the Elements of Art: line, shape, color, and patterns. Art is of tremendous importance to children as it stimulates both sides of their growing brains. There are studies which show that children who make art also read better and get better grades in mathematics and science. Art develops eye/hand co-ordination and teaches children to think creatively to solve problems. Art promotes self-expression and self-esteem.

### Materials

Materials will be provided by the Firehouse.

### Class Schedule:

#### Monday

**Lesson 1:** Students will design an art portfolio, in the form of a picnic basket, made from an old recycled cereal box. Students will paint the cereal box with white acrylic paints and, using forks, print a woven pattern on that. Students will put their name on a card handle, ‘double wide’ and fill in with food designs.

**Lesson 2:** Students will draw/ color picture of “Holyday-the Picnic” painted by James Tissot around 1876.

#### Tuesday

**Lesson 1:** Students will paint a picture of a cake inspired by Wayne Thiebaud. Students will make extra papers for collage later in week.



**Lesson 2:** Students will collage a picture on a paper plate inspired by Red Grooms "Salvador Salad".

### **Wednesday**

**Lesson 1:** Students will print a small bag with designs made by printing various fruits and vegetables, with acrylic paints. One side before recess and one side after. Students will print some designs on paper.

**Lesson 2:** Students will make a cake sculpture using card and recycled Brie boxes.

### **Thursday**

**Lesson 1:** Jean Dubuffet will inspire students to make a painting of a water bottle in a semi-abstract manner.

**Lesson 2:** Students will collage their favorite sandwich. Chips on the side!

### **Friday**

**Lesson 1:** Collage a Wayne Thiebaud cupcake, add a magnet for some permanent fridge art!

**Lesson 2:** Firehouse Arts Center survey. Putting on an art show for adults in students' life.