

Giving students a variety of experiences/mediums to try will allow them to find something in art that they're good at. This will help build their confidence and interest in your subject area!

Focus on organization, classroom management, student relationships, and finding your community of support. Music teachers are always great allies to the art room, and your district art teachers will be your best support!

We all have our first few years of teaching, **give yourself grace daily!** Your passion for your subject will shine through, and that is a great foundation.

Always test your project first and make an example. This helps you to figure out where they may struggle or how to break down steps/instruction. You'll have better mastery to teach the lesson/project.

Learn to say no. Loaning things like paintbrushes or Sharpies for a day or so to another class is no biggie, but loaning out paper supply depletes your stock. You also don't need to be the artist in residence that makes bulletin board signs or room decorations for other classes. Teach them early on how to make things for themselves. (Ex. maybe they can find the image they want and project it in their classroom so they can trace it.)

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