



## Children's Art Classes Policies

Thank you for choosing my studio! Please read the following policies and fill out the consent forms. I am looking forward to having an exciting experience teaching art to your child!

### Classes Description

The studio offers professional instruction in painting and drawing. During the classes, students practice drawing and painting techniques and study the basics of color theory, shapes, and values. They explore various art materials, such as acrylic paints, watercolor, graphite and charcoal drawing, as well as mixed media. They are introduced to painting and drawing from observation, from memory, and from various references, including the reproductions of the works of the great masters. The program's descriptions and lesson plans are available by email upon request.

Students are encouraged to participate in all activities, including watching samples, engaging in discussions or group critiques, and working independently on a project. Older students may have homework assignments. Museum/art gallery visits, plein-airs, and field trips are scheduled separately and require additional release signed by the parent).

The studio is equipped with all the necessary art supplies. All the art materials are age-appropriate and safe when used correctly. We do not use hazardous and toxic art materials.

Classes can be taught in either Russian or English. In mixed groups, English is spoken.

Group lessons are limited to 5 students. Parents are not encouraged to be present in the classroom, except for the "First Steps in Art" program and specially announced "open lessons."

### About the instructor and studio owner

Anastasia Semash is a professional educator, cleared and fingerprinted to work at Motgomery Public Schools district. Anastasia is First Aid and CPR-trained.

Anastasia Semash has been working as an educator since 2004. She has a background in education from St. Petersburg State University, Russia (MA and PhD in social studies and education). She studied visual arts and design at Northwestern Institute of Printing Arts in St. Petersburg, Russia and at Schoof of Fine Arts at Tufts University, Boston. She is currently completing a master's program in art education at Mount St. Mary University, MD.

## **Location and use of the facilities**

- The lessons are taught at the instructor's house located at 10107 Crestwood Rd., Kensington, MD 20895.
- People with allergies should note that this is NOT a nut-, fragrance-, or pet-free house.
- The studio space is adjacent to the living room area. Students are not encouraged to walk in the living space, unless access to water or the bathroom is needed. In the event of an emergency, the rear door may be used.
- The entryway area is minimal and generally not suitable for waiting.
- Students are not permitted to walk in shared spaces or outside the studio unless they are supervised. The art instructor is not responsible for students' safety outside of the classroom. Students and parents are asked to respect the studio's property.

## **Children's drop-off and pick-up**

Parents are responsible for bringing their children on time and picking them up when the class is over. Students may not be dropped off earlier than 5 minutes before the scheduled start time, as the previous class may still be in session. If the child is picked up by anybody other than a parent, a written notice must be given, or such person must be introduced to me by the parent. I reserve the right to ask for ID from anybody other than the parent who's picking up the child. Please call or text me if you are running late. There is ample parking on both sides of the street.

## **Tuition**

### ***1. First Steps in Art preschool program (small groups, weekday mornings only):***

Tuition: \$20 for a 45-minute class. Payment is made monthly. A 10% discount is applied if you pay for the whole session in advance.

### ***2. Small group classes for children:***

Tuition: 60 min – \$30; 90 min – \$ 35 per class. Depending on the group size, the payment can be flexible.

Payment for small group classes is made monthly. The final amount depends on the number of classes in the given month. A 10% discount is applied if you pay for the whole session in advance.

Siblings attending the group classes will receive a 20% discount, regardless of whether they attend the same group. The sibling discount cannot be combined with any other discount.

### ***3. Private (one-on-one or semi-private) lessons: 60 min – \$50; 90 min – \$70, 120 min - \$85.*** If the payment is made in advance for the month, the 10% discount applies.

## Supplies and materials fee

The cost of classes covers the following:

- paper appropriate for the current drawing or painting project
- paints: student-grade acrylic paints, tempera, gouache, watercolors
- pencils/crayons/charcoal/pastels/watercolor or other colored pencils
- use of easels, boards, and professional-quality paintbrushes
- handouts and worksheets (for older students and portfolio preparation lessons)
- Lending books from the studio art library
- use of models and props

An additional material fee applies for

- classes/projects that involve extensive painting.
- modeling clay and other age-appropriate modeling compounds (*First Steps in Art* program)
- fiber arts workshops and projects

For special materials: artist-quality stretched canvases, artist-quality acrylic or oil paints, special brushes, or nonstandard-size or special-quality paper are not provided. If interested in techniques that require these materials, students need to purchase those materials.

## Schedule and studio closures

We meet weekly unless agreed otherwise. Upon agreement among the parents and the instructor, the lesson time may be slightly adjusted.

During official school vacation time, private lessons may continue or be paused, upon mutual agreement between the instructor and parents. Group classes are not held during public school vacation time. Classes will not be held on major holidays and holiday weekends.

## Minimum enrollment

- The minimum size for a small group is two students. Unlike semi-private lessons, this slot is open to new students on a rolling basis. Any class may be cancelled due to low enrollment. Groups are limited to 5 students.

- A small group class may run in “trial mode”, which means it may be cancelled at any time or its day/ time changed. A full refund will be issued in case of class cancellation.

### **Cancellation, make-up, and refund policy**

- Any lesson may be cancelled in the event of severe weather or other emergencies. Parents will be notified by email at least 2 hours before the start of the class. You can call or text me directly if you're unsure about the cancellation. Prepaid lessons will be made up.
- If I'm sick or unable to teach a lesson, I will contact the students as soon as possible. In this case, any prepaid lesson will be made up, or the payment will be rolled over to the next payment. I may need to cancel the class in case of the sick people in the household.
- Please notify me as soon as possible if you have to miss the class. Make-ups for prepaid lessons missed by students can only be arranged on special make-up dates. That applies to sick days, vacations, birthdays, and other occasions. There will be no refund or makeup for prepaid missed lessons without proper notice.
- For group classes prepaid for the month, a 100% refund is issued if the student drops out of the class during the first 2 weeks of attendance. After those first weeks, if a student drops out, there will be no refund.
- Make-up classes may be held on days other than regular class days.

### **Sick children**

Please do not send your child to class if they are sick. That includes fever, headaches, stomach problems, and sneezing. If the child is obviously sick, I reserve the right to refuse them entry to the classroom.

### **Communication**

Email and texting are the primary means of communication. Please ensure you provide your email address and phone number to receive all class updates. Phone calls may not be answered, so it's better to text or leave voicemail messages if you need a quick response. Updates regarding the schedule, upcoming events, and/or changes will be posted on the studio's Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/artsemash](http://www.facebook.com/artsemash)) and on the website [www.artsemash.com/news](http://www.artsemash.com/news).

### **Instructor's contact:**

#### ***Anastasia Semash***

Cell phone (202) 674-3050; email [anastasia.semash@gmail.com](mailto:anastasia.semash@gmail.com)]

Address: 10107 Crestwood Rd, Kensington, MD, 20895

Website: [www.artsemash.com](http://www.artsemash.com)

Facebook Page: [www.facebook.com/artsemash](http://www.facebook.com/artsemash)

### Parent Consent Form

I hereby give permission for my child to participate in classes at **Anastasia Semash Art Studio**.

I have read and agree to the class policies.

Parent/Guardian name \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Please provide the information required below:**

Student's name \_\_\_\_\_

Lesson Day(s) and time \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

School \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian name(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian cell phone (s) \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian email \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency, contact \_\_\_\_\_ (name)

\_\_\_\_\_ (phone number) \_\_\_\_\_ (relation to the child)

Additional info / Special medical needs / Allergies

Who is picking up the child \_\_\_\_\_ (name)

\_\_\_\_\_ (phone number)

### **Photo / Video Release**

Permission for taking photographs/video of my child (name) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ and his/her artwork. I understand that these photos may be used for the instructor's portfolio.

Permission for taking photographs/ video (for personal instructor's use):

- I give my permission**
- I give my permission for the artwork only**
- I give my permission, but not showing the face**
- I do not give my permission**

Permission for publishing photographs/video on instructor's website, Facebook/Instagram pages and other resources:

- I give my permission**
- I give my permission for the artwork only**
- I give my permission, but not showing the face**
- I do not give my permission**

Parent name \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE READ THIS LEGAL DOCUMENT CAREFULLY BEFORE SIGNING. THIS IS A CONTRACTUAL  
WAIVER AND FULL RELEASE OF LIABILITY.**

### **Waiver and Liability Release**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, hereby give permission for my/our child to participate in classes and programs of Anastasia Semash Art Studio, at its place of business, and any other locations utilized or provided by Anastasia Semash Art Studio for its programs and instruction. On behalf of my/our child and on our own behalf, in exchange for good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, do hereby enroll my child in classes and programs of the Anastasia Semash Art Studio and all other associated activities and for myself and my child do hereby agree to indemnify and hold harmless, and waive and release all claims of every nature whether sounding in contract or tort or otherwise against the Anastasia Semash Art Studio, its principles, agents, servants, and employees from any and against any loss, cost, charge, claim, demand, liability, damage, medical expenses, arising directly or indirectly from any personal injury or property damage loss, which may occur to my child while enrolled or on the premises of the Anastasia Semash Art Studio, or any other location provided by Anastasia Semash Art Studio, and/or under instruction, supervision, or control of the Anastasia Semash Art Studio. I understand that this is a pre-injury release and that the extent of any unexpected harm is presently unknown.

This Waiver and Full Liability Release applies without limitation to, but is not limited to, private lessons, group classes, special events, museum tours, and any other Anastasia Semash Art Studio studio-related activity, whether at its central facility, its parking lot, or at another location utilized or traveled to for hosting any studio-related activity.

I have read, understood, and agreed to all of the stated terms, asked any questions I may have, and received acceptable and satisfactory answers. I have also been advised that I may consult my own legal representative before signing this document.

Parent/guardian signature\_\_\_\_\_

Child enrolled:\_\_\_\_\_

Date\_\_\_\_\_