



Dear Educators & Parents,

The Northeast Louisiana Arts Council & Twin Cities Krewe de Riviere invites your students to join us in celebrating Mardi Gras - arts-style! Our *m**ART**i Gras Mask Project* encourages young artists to express their creativity by decorating their very own Mardi Gras mask.

Each student receives a blank mask template in this packet that they can color, collage, paint, or even embellish with feathers, sequins, or glitter - whatever brings their imagination to life!

Educators and families are invited to share their child's creation by tagging @region8arts on Instagram OR emailing a photo to abigail@nelarts.org. We'll feature these photos during Mardi Gras week with shout-outs on our page!

This is not a competition - just a fun and festive way to keep the arts at the heart of our regional celebrations.

Thank you for helping us spread creativity and color across Northeast Louisiana this Carnival season!

Let the good times ART!

—The Northeast Louisiana Arts Council & Twin Cities Krewe de Riviere





Color, paint, or decorate your mask any way you like! Add feathers, sequins, ribbon, stickers, or whatever you can find to make it festive.

When you're finished, cut it out and wear it - or display it proudly at home!

Parents: snap a photo of your child's creation and tag @region8arts or email abigail@nelarts.org to be featured!

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mARTi Gras: Let the Good Times ART!

Teacher & Parent Guide

Bring a little Mardi Gras magic to your classroom or home! This simple, no-pressure activity lets kids design and decorate their own Mardi Gras masks using color, pattern, and imagination. After finishing, families can snap a photo and tag @region8arts or email abigail@nelarts.org for a shout-out on our page.

Let's celebrate the joy of art across Northeast Louisiana!

Art & Design Prompts

- What shapes and colors do you see in Mardi Gras masks?
- Which materials can add texture - feathers, foil, yarn, tissue paper, ribbon, buttons?
- How can you use symmetry or pattern in your design?
- What emotion or personality does your mask show - joyful, mysterious, funny, bold?
- What kind of Mardi Gras character might wear your mask? Tell their story through design!

Culture & History Prompts

- Mardi Gras has been celebrated in Louisiana for hundreds of years - what makes it special to our state?
- What do the Mardi Gras colors mean?
♥ Purple = Justice ♥ Green = Faith ♥ Gold = Power
- Have you ever been to a parade? What did you see, hear, and feel?
- How does art help tell the story of a celebration or a community?

Writing Extensions

- Write a short story or poem about the person who might wear your mask.
- Create a “mask bio” card: give your mask a name, a favorite parade treat, and a Mardi Gras wish!
- Older students: write a paragraph about how art connects people and traditions.

Display & Celebration Ideas

- Host a mini mask parade in your classroom or hallway.
- Create a bulletin board titled “Let the Good Times ART!”
- Play Louisiana jazz or zydeco while students work to set the mood.
- Snap a group photo of all the finished masks to share with families - or tag @region8arts for a regional shout-out!

Parent Prompts

- Ask your child what inspired their design.
- Talk about how art lets us express creativity and emotion.
- Encourage using recycled materials—ribbon scraps, foil, paper bits, fabric pieces.
- Make it a family project: everyone designs a mask for a home mini-parade!
- Ask: “Which part of your mask makes you most proud?”

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