



CALL FOR ENTRIES

First 5 San Bernardino 2027 Monthly Calendar Student Art Contest

First 5 San Bernardino is excited to launch a student art contest for children up to 5 years old across San Bernardino County! As the county's hub for resources and support for families with young children, we're celebrating the creativity, imagination and unique perspectives of our youngest community members. Selected artwork will be featured in the 2027 First 5 San Bernardino wall calendar, showcasing the talent and creativity of young artists throughout our county.

Parameters & Guidelines

Please review the following guidelines before your class gets started.

Who Can Participate	Students in TK–Kindergarten enrolled in participating school districts
Artwork Size	8.5" x 11" — standard letter size (horizontal or vertical)
Medium	Any: crayons, colored pencils, markers, watercolor, collage — whatever your students love
Color	Artwork should be colorful! Bright, bold colors photograph and print best.
How to Submit	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Scan or photograph artwork and submit via email to Kimberly.VandenBosch@cfc.sbcounty.gov by September 30, 2026.2. Include student's name (only first name will be used if published), grade, age and school name. Can be sent separately or on the back of art.3. Mail entries to First 5 San Bernardino, 735 E. Carnegie Drive, Suite 150, San Bernardino, CA 92498 Attn: Kimberly VandenBosch.4. Deliver in person to the First 5 San Bernardino office (same office)
What Happens Next	Selected pieces will be featured in the First 5 San Bernardino 2027 Monthly Calendar. Participating students and schools will be credited.



Thought Starters & Artwork Prompts

Below you'll find a theme and a handful of thought starters for each month. These are meant to spark conversation and imagination. If a student has a different idea that fits the spirit of the month, encourage them to go for it.

JANUARY

Thought Starters:

- A wish you have for the new year
- Something you want to try for the first time
- Sledding or snow angels – what do you like to do when it's cold outside?
- You and someone you love doing something together

FEBRUARY

Thought Starters:

- Draw some hearts
- Someone who takes care of you
- A way you show kindness to others
- Your family doing something fun

MARCH

Thought Starters:

- Happy St. Patrick's Day! Draw lucky clovers or green plants
- Something you learned that helped you grow
- You playing outside
- An animal you love

APRIL

Thought Starters:

- Happy Earth Day! How do you help the planet?
- Something special about where you live
- A place you love to visit
- People who help keep our community safe or healthy
- Your favorite thing to do near home



MAY

Thought Starters:

- Let's plant flowers – how does your garden grow?
- Your favorite book or story character
- A place you've seen in a book
- You reading with someone you love
- You and your mommy

JUNE

Thought Starters:

- Your favorite summer activity
- Something you see, smell, or feel in summertime
- Water — any kind: lake, the ocean, a sprinkler, a pool
- The best day you can imagine
- You and your daddy

JULY

Thought Starters:

- Your favorite thing about the 4th of July
- What you love about America
- Someone who keeps you safe
- You being brave

AUGUST

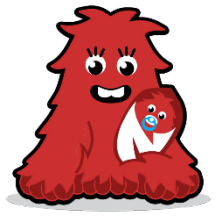
Thought Starters:

- Your school or classroom
- A friend you like to learn with
- Your favorite school supply or activity
- What you do at recess

SEPTEMBER

Thought Starters:

- Your favorite healthy food
- You being active — running, dancing, playing
- Something that makes you feel good inside



OCTOBER

Thought Starters:

- Colors you see outside right now
- Something you do as a family
- Food you love to eat
- Pumpkins, leaves and fall festivals – what's your favorite?

NOVEMBER

Thought Starters:

- Something you are thankful for
- Someone who makes your life better
- Something small that makes you happy
- What did the first Thanksgiving look like?

DECEMBER

Thought Starters:

- Your family or the people you celebrate with
- Something that brings people together
- A gift you would give someone you love
- Your favorite memory from this year