

I have my students include:

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This is great for students because many students start of binder of their ATCs and collect them during 3-5th grade. The label helps them remember when they made it and what the purpose of the card is.

Hold on to the ATCs

I keep all ATCs until the last month of school until the Artist Trading Card party. I use two baggies. One baggie I label, "Finished ATCs" and "Unfinished ATCs." I do this for each class and I store in their bin. This way they do not get lost and I can keep track of which are finished and not finished.

Artist Trading Card Day!

This is treated like an Art holiday at my school! The students get so excited at the end of the year when it is time to trade.

I usually have ATC Day during the last few weeks of school. Before anything is passed back to students, we talk about our rules for trading and the correct way to trade.

I tell students that there are three rules to trading...

1. You must trade at least 1 card.
2. You must use manners and treat people right.
3. No put downs are allowed. If you do not want to trade, politely say "No thank you."

I tell students that you do not have to trade with someone if you are not interested in their work, but you must be polite about it. There is always one or two students in the class that are either shy or no one wants to trade with. After a minute or two, I go up to the students and say something like, "Oh! Can I see your ATCs? Wow! Would you trade with me?" The student gets a big smile on their face since "Miss Hanley has the coolest cards" and they get to have one of mine. The students from the class eventually see me trading with the student, and then they start to gather around and want to see this student's cards as well.

I tell students to trade at least one card, but typically they trade ½ to almost all of their cards. I also tell students that if they have a very special ATC, to put it in their back pocket or backpack so they are not tempted to trade it.

Tips When Creating your ATCs

-Follow the "Rule of Three" by including a background, focal image, and an embellishment.

-ALWAYS label and sign the back of your Artist Trading Cards. These are made to be collected and traded. Artists want to know who created your art, so make it known!