

MIDDLE SCHOOL ART SYLLABUS

I believe art class should be the time and place during your school week where you can express the creative side of the heart and soul. No one sees the world in exactly the same way. The Lord created each of us as a unique individual. What a wonderful world it is because we are all so different!

I invite you to experience your uniqueness and your creativity in art this year. If we can all feel comfortable with this special side of us maybe we can learn to accept the differences in others as well!

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The projects listed below are geared for the specific grade level. Projects may be skipped or assigned out of order depending on quarter schedules and/or Gateway to Art projects.

6TH GRADE PROJECTS

- Portfolios
- Name bug
- Positive/negative design
- Crayon scribble
- Crayon erase
- Mirrored name
- Initials
- Textured picture
- Distortion
- Watercolor resist
- WiLMA'S certificate
- Christmas word
- Mardi Gras mask
- Paper cut design
- \$25 bill
- Mixed media
- Computer graphics/six steps
- Me collage
- Shoe shading
- Calendar page
- Cartoon character

7TH GRADE PROJECTS

- Color wheel
- Color schemes

- Warm to cool mosaic
- Blottos
- Mixed media name
- Turkey design
- Figure/ground triangles
- Flowing pattern
- Paper Weave
- Type set animal
- Pattern line design
- WiLma'S certificate
- Repeating pattern
- Negative/positive pastels
- Word animal
- Geometric shapes
- Pastel/pencil leaves
- Block letter word
- Name perspective
- Cartoon character
- Calendar cover

8TH GRADE PROJECTS

- Mixed media collage
- Water/marker name
- Twelve initials
- Crayon etch
- Animal name
- Hand sketch
- Watercolor word
- Comic sketch
- Watercolor comic
- Mardi gras mask
- WiLma'S certificate
- Business card
- Pencil sketch
- 6X6 cards for FINAL
- Pointalism
- Favorite song visuals
- Teacher appreciation sketch
- FINAL art project

GRADING

Every Thursday in class we will begin a project. It will be due the following week at the beginning of class. (7th and 8th graders may have projects that will take two or three weeks to complete) Most projects are graded on a 50 point (one week projects) or 100point (two or more weeks) grading system. Grading on projects focuses on the following criteria:

1. Following directions
2. Effort
3. Neatness
4. Creativity

Late projects will have 5 points deducted. All projects need to be in by the end of the quarter assigned. All projects will be kept in the student portfolio and sent home at the end of the year. Grades will be posted to and updated on your child's GRADELINK account on Thursday's.

There is NO WAY you can fail art if you attend class regularly, put forth effort, turn in your assignments on time and HAVE FUN! I'm looking forward to a wonderful, creative year!

EXTRA CREDIT

Usually 20 to 50 points of extra credit is offered in art each quarter. Extra credit is given for attending the Middle School plays and musicals, attending the GTA show and the Lenten Services, participation in Cultural Awareness Day and Career Day, and making posters, bags etc for school wide events. Extra credit is announced to every class well in advance of the due date.

CLASSROOM RULES

1. You do not have to be an artist! I ask that you just be willing to try and put forth your best effort.
2. All supplies must be brought to class each Thursday (5 points each class period)
3. If you are absent for an assignment, make-up work must be turned in by the end of the quarter. You are responsible for the assignments you miss.
4. All rules in the WLMS Handbook will be followed in Art class.

SUPPLIES

- A STURDY, NEAT box to keep your supplies in during the year. (Plastic boxes work best and can be purchased at Target for a nominal price.) Name must be on box.
- Watercolors (set of 8) with paintbrush
- Ruler
- Glue stick
- Colored pencils (set of 8)
- Set of thin markers (set of 8)
- Set of thick markers (set of 8)
- Black permanent marker ("Sharpie" suggested)
- Small set of colored soft or chalk pastels
- Eraser
- #2 pencils for sketching (no mechanical pencils please)
- 9X12 SPIRAL BOUND SKETCH PAD – (NEW TO LIST) ... DUE OCTOBER 1

GATEWAY TO ART

The PSO sponsored, docent led GATEWAY TO ART program is once a month at Middle School. GTA will be usually taught during the third Art Class of the month. Students are encouraged to be creative and enjoy their time to create works of art based on famous artists from history. GTA projects are usually sent home with students the following week. One project from each student is kept for display in the Gateway to Art Show scheduled for May. GTA projects are not part of the art class curriculum and are not graded.