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| **Course Syllabus and Classroom Procedures  Visual Arts Mrs. Gaut** | | |
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| **Class**  **Description** | The art program is designed to review or introduce the elements of art and principles of design. Students will gain a visual vocabulary that they will be asked to write in a daily art sketchbook. In addition, art history, art criticism, and aesthetics will be explored in the various units of study.  While the sixth grade program is an introduction to art, the seventh and eighth year programs are designed to continually develop the artistic skills of the students. Units may vary from quarter to quarter. Students should save all art pieces in order to build a portfolio for high school. | |
| **Classroom Expectations** | It is the student’s responsibility to be prompt and prepared for class each day, to work within the rules and guidelines of the classroom, to complete all assignments, to make-up any work missed due to absence. Make-up work will be dealt with on an individual basis depending on duration of absence from class. Most work can be made up in the mornings from 8:15 – 8:45 a.m. If students need to do-over a particular production assignment to be reassessed, they may for full credit. However, they must turn in that reassessment project within one week of receiving their production grade. | |
| **Materials** | Students are required to have several **wooden pencils, 2 black sharpies** and their **agenda every day**. **Sketchbook/Art Journal is mandatory!** If students do not bring one in from home they are welcome to purchase one from the art fundraiser. We use our sketchbooks daily.  \*See attached fundraiser form. | |
| **Classroom**  **Wish List** | If you have any extra of the following that you would like to donate to our class, it would be GREATLY appreciated:  -Sharpies (any color, any size) -Bottle Caps (all colors)  -Fabric scraps/yarn/sewing items - Fake flowers or other greenery  -Scrap wood or building blocks - Masking Tape  -Altoid Tins (or similar tins or small boxes) - old calendars (used for the pictures)  -Knick-knack --objects, small found objects -kleenex  -Egg Cartons -Empty Cereal Boxes | |
| **Grading Procedures:**  **50% Production=** Main projects/ Summative Projects/Participation  **40% Creative Meaning and Thinking=** Sketchbook assignments, ideas, vocabulary, preliminary sketches  **10% Assessment/Critiques=** End of quarter test, participation on critiques | | |
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